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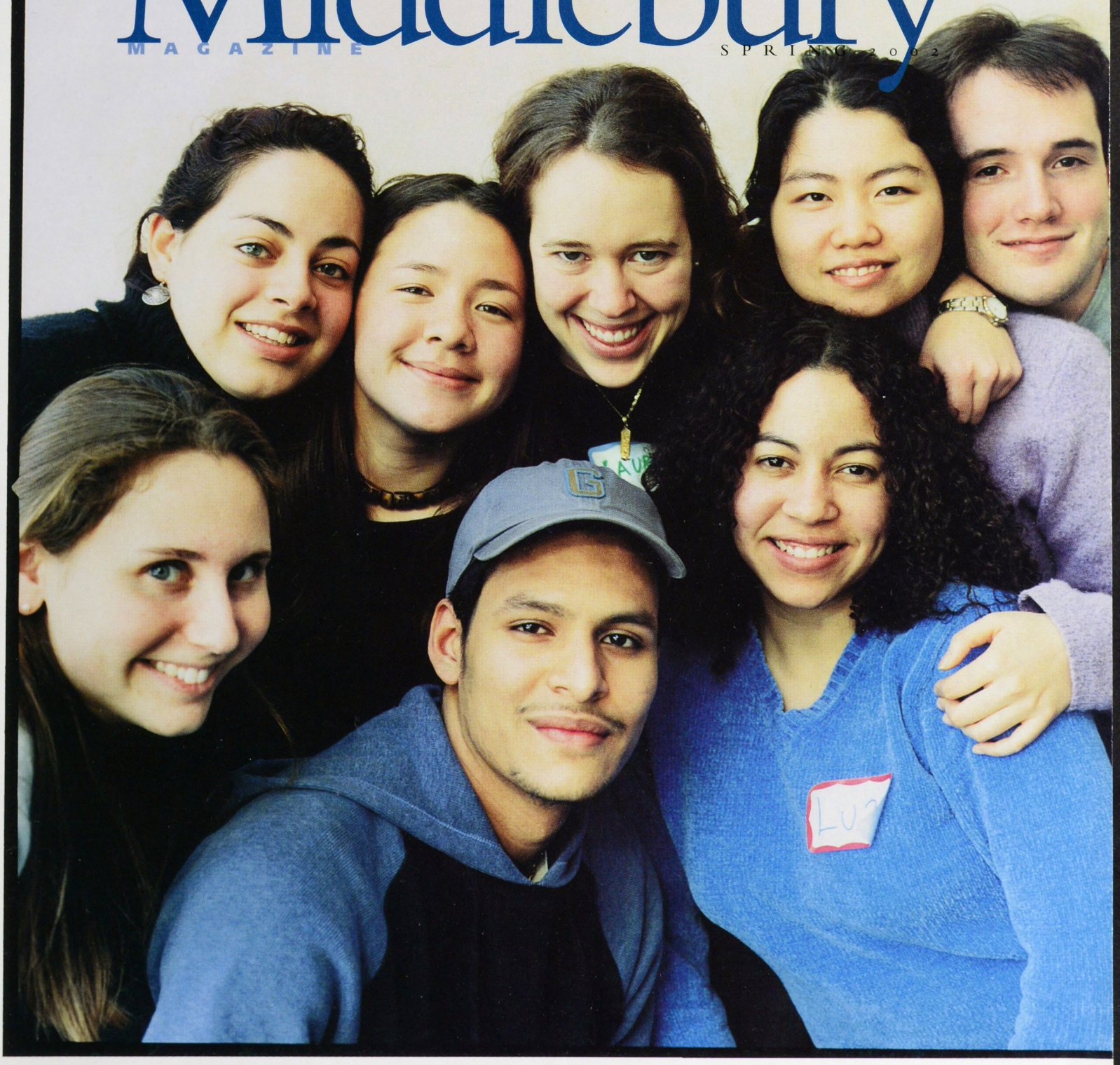

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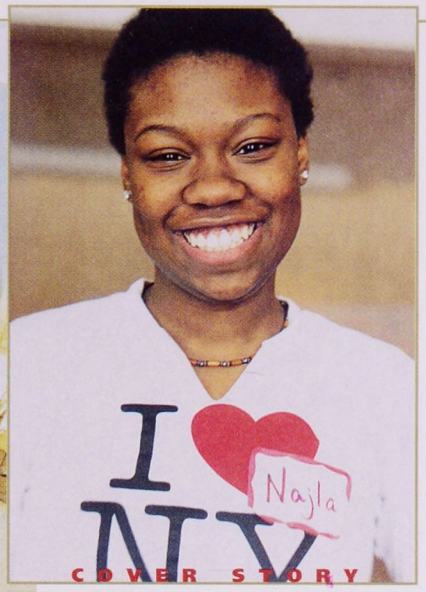

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Students and Teachers

SHORTLY AFTER I CAME TO MIDDLEBURY as this magazine's guest editor back in February, I received an e-mail message from Anne Lucke '03. "I was wondering if you would include in your next issue a small article about Butch Varno, who recently earned his GED," the note said.

Being brand-new to the College, I had no idea who Butch Varno might be or why his completion of the General Education Development requirements might have particular significance, so I gave Lucke a call. Varno, she explained, is a Middlebury resident who has cerebral palsy, which has left him with little control over his body and essentially no use of his arms and legs. "He has been connected to the Middlebury College community for about 40 years," Lucke told me. "He helps manage the men's basketball team, cheers the women's basketball team on, and goes to as many football games as he can."

If you are a Panther sports fan, you probably already know Varno, at least by sight. He's the guy in a wheelchair who's often sitting next to the Middlebury bench at the men's home basketball games. That has been his reserved seat for about 25 years, ever since Russ Reilly came to Middlebury as assistant basketball coach and struck up a friendship with one of his team's greatest fans. It has become a Middlebury tradition for the first-year players on the football team and the men's basketball team to take turns taking Varno to each other's games. "It's a great experience for the kids to get to know him," Reilly observes. "Butch is a really good guy."

Varno's special relationship with Middlebury goes back to the 1960s, when his physical condition forced him to drop out of school at the age of 15. He became friends with an 18-year-old college student named Terry Colvin '64, who volunteered to help him with physical therapy and tutoring. Colvin introduced Varno to other students at the College, and when Colvin graduated, the Middlebury connection continued. Forty years later and living several states apart, Colvin and Varno remain close friends. "Terry is like my big brother, and he takes no credit for how much he has helped me," Varno says.

A few years ago, Varno decided that he really wanted to earn a high school degree. With the help of Ann Lucke and many other student friends who volunteered to serve as tutors, he started catching up on the mathematics, English, history, and other subjects he had not been able to study in high school. Finally, he started taking the GED exams, which had to be given orally because of his poor eyesight. He passed the last of the exams, the science section, in November. "The GED was such a challenge," he admits. "I wanted to give up so many times, but Coach Reilly said, 'Knock it off; you're so close—don't give up on me.' "

In early February, a number of Varno's Middlebury friends gathered in Mitchell Greene Lounge to present him with his GED diploma and celebrate his accomplishment. But much of the conversation focused not on what he had done, but on what he might do next. "Butch is definitely a journey person, not a destination person. He's already looking for another project," Lucke says. She and his other tutors are trying to raise money to get him a special graduation present: an electric wheelchair. It would make the next stage of the journey a little easier. —*JC*

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LETTERS

Shocked by Ari

I quite enjoyed your article on Ari Fleischer '82 in the winter issue. I was, it is true, shocked by the disingenuousness of a man with so much power and floored by his powers of self-aggrandizement and deception. But all was forgiven with his howler: "The country is increasingly trusting the government . . . and the things the government says."

How hilarious, coming from the man who scolded us about a nonexistent "credible threat" to Air Force One in order to explain his boss's hiding out during the attacks on September 11, from a man who warns us to watch what we say, from a man who can keep a straight face while pimping one of the most disastrous, unfair, and dangerous tax cuts this country has ever seen. Mr. Fleischer is entitled to believe what he chooses to believe, but he must realize how preposterous he seems asking any sensible person in this country to take what he says seriously.

I'm embarrassed for Middlebury.

Jon Sherman '94
Chicago, Illinois

Looking for God

After the battle that ensued from the summer issue of *Middlebury Magazine,* I applaud the editors for the presumed foresight to choose an article about Ari Fleischer as the cover story for the winter issue. Republican, conservative, and politically correct for the moment, versus Democratic, liberal, and politically incorrect. It is a deft mind that navigates these kinds of waters, but my thoughts are focused on the lack of any mention of God in the article about Ari or the Q & A accompanying it, especially since our president makes it a point to express his faith so often. Maybe Sesno should've asked Ari about God, and maybe all the others should take the time to really read the Bible. I guess we are a tough audience to please, but God is tougher.

Calvin Johnson '74
New York, New York

Favorable Impression

How surprised and pleased I was to find on the cover of the winter *Middlebury Magazine* one of my favorite people, Ari Fleischer, then to discover he had the good taste and sense to be a Middlebury graduate. This article initiated my very favorable impression of this season's issue. The coverage of the aftermath of September 11 was particularly moving. We are certainly beholden to Rachel Morton for a quality publication. It has been delightfully controversial at times, but sensitive and timely.

Ann Robinson Walker '45
Medford, New Jersey

Presidential press secretary, Ari Fleischer (right), between meetings at the White House.

Trust the Government?

I enjoyed Frank Sesno's article on Press Secretary Ari Fleischer, but I was disgusted by the interview that accompanied it. In one of his responses, Secretary Fleischer defends his threatening people to "watch what they say." Is he also going to tell us what gods to worship? His job is based around the First Amendment, and he forgot it. Mr. Sesno's article implied Secretary Fleischer had done well in Murray Dry's constitutional law class; the secretary presumably knew the Bill of Rights then.

In the next paragraph Secretary Fleischer says, "We're seeing an era that is now returning to the early sixties and the fifties where people trust the government again." Interesting: a solid Republican repeatedly asserts that the country is increasingly trusting the government. A marvelous sentiment, except it's not true. A recent University of Indiana study revealed that less than a third of the American population trusts our federal government, hence our record increases in independent and third-party voting and registration. The study also showed that only 18 percent of the respondents thought their own representatives had not traded votes for campaign contributions. Ouch.

Gore, Bush, and every U.S. senator accepted campaign contributions from Enron. To be fair, the interview between Mr. Sesno and Secretary Fleischer was conducted before the Enron injustices were fully revealed. Now the secretary might not say such false words, especially in light of several lawsuits against the White House and the unprecedented action taken against Vice President Richard Cheney by the General Accounting Office.

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Bush got into office with less than 48 percent of the vote and the help of the butterfly ballot, a few hanging chads, and "the single most corrupt decision in Supreme Court history," says Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz in his book, *Supreme Injustice*. Our judges have become politicians. Our politicians have become business buddies. No wonder there's a growing and frightening anarchy movement. We're all suspicious, yet most are optimistic. This is America, and we will vote again.

Secretary Fleischer can say, "people trust us," all he wants, but he cannot make it true.

Edward H. Greene '96
Cambridge, Massachusetts

It Must Take Courage

The story about Ari Fleischer was trenchant. It must take a great deal of courage for this graduate of a prestigious world-class college to act as spokesman for someone as limited as George W. Bush, Jr.

Dr. Tomas Feininger '56
Vieux Quebec, Quebec, Canada

Corrupting the Youth

I was disappointed that you didn't round out your winter 2002 issue by including the views of a Midd friend, proud parent of a Midd grad, and once, like Ari Fleischer '82 and Ron Brown '62, a President's Man. I'm referring to Bill Moyers (P'86). I am sending on his widely circulated speech of October 16 entitled "This Isn't the Speech I Expected to Give Today." It's about September 11 and its aftermath, the "patriotic" corporate feeding frenzy in Washington vs. the "patriotic" sacrifices on Main Street. [The speech can be found online at www.mtn.org/iasa/moyers.html.]

I am curious where Middlebury stands in relation to the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, a group led by Lynne Cheney. This group investigates any critical inquiry of American foreign and internal policy on college campuses. Such activity is seen as unpatriotic. Professors are blacklisted when they raise questions and have discussions about U.S. domestic and foreign policies.

Evidently, for Cheney's group, to question authority is to corrupt the

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youth, a crime that earned Socrates the death penalty. Who is corrupting the youth at Middlebury now, the way several professors did when I was a student there in the years 1957–1962? I fondly remember and appreciate John Andrews (philosophy), Beowolf Brown (English), Paul Cubeta (English), Arthur Healy (art), William Harris (classics), Moose Provoncha (life studies), and Charlie Warner (history). There were very few women in the faculty then.

These men were not stuffed shirts; many had been in Paris when Paris was Paris. They took us out of our boxes and taught us to use our eyes and brains and not swallow whole what we were told or read in textbooks and newspapers. Similarly the Korean War vets, who had faced death, took the Middlebury administration out of its box then. Middlebury was wild and libertine. We were not afraid to inquire; the inquiry was as deep as the powder on the mountain on good days.

Like the present students, we were born in a U.S. at war, grew up in a U.S. at war, and will die in a U.S. at war (always fought in the name of peace). As Bob Marley sang, "Until the philosophy which holds one race of people is superior and another is inferior is discredited everywhere there is war.... War in the East. War in the West. War up north. War down south. War. War...."

Your winter 2002 issue invited this letter and these ruminations. I found it a bucolic and soft-porn edition of the orchestrated show found on all the networks: *Attack on America!*
Robert Leverant '61
Sebastopol, California

Sorely Missed

Lisa Healy's thoughtful article on Jeff Bittner '96 in the winter 2002 issue ["Loss and Lessons Learned"] saddened me greatly. When I was the editor of *Symposium,* Middlebury's journal of politics, Jeff served as a member of the editorial board. It was during that time that I got to know and admire Jeff. He was the journal's resident expert on international security. In a prescient article in the spring 1995 issue of *Symposium,* he wrote that "the first and most obvious consequence of the end of the Cold War is the absence of a common enemy...however, events

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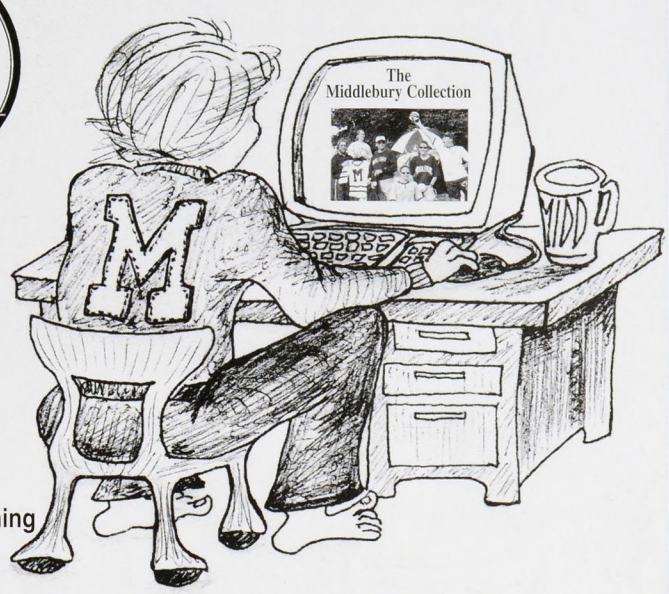

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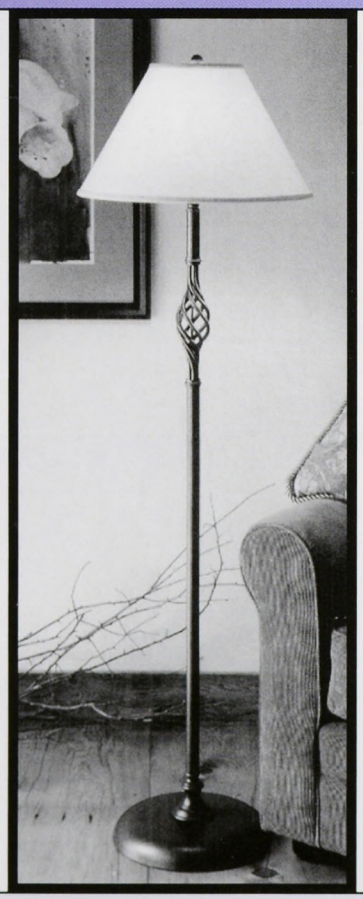

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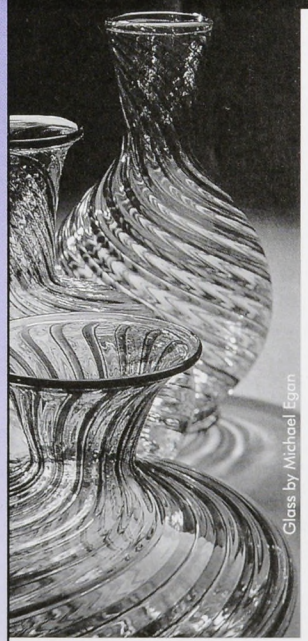

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would soon prove that security—even if not against the Soviets—was as important as ever."

Jeff was a bright guy. He was also a great friend. Asked to write an article on short notice, Jeff neither hesitated nor complained. His intelligence was rivaled only by his compassion, energy, and enthusiasm, which were all so amazing then and sorely missed now. It is so hard to reconcile the beauty of Jeff's life with the evil that brought it to an end. It is my hope that we will honor Jeff's memory by living our lives according to the inspiring example he so ably set.

Abhijit Das '95
Boston, Massachusetts

Inspiring the Life of the Mind

I remember my days on the hill, struggling to understand Goethe in the original German, hurrying to catch up with the reading for Mr. Tillinghast, and uncovering the intriguing metaphysical conceits of John Donne with David Littlefield. My love of literature and history drew me back to Middlebury for my M.A. at Bread Loaf and was further nurtured there by a remarkably free exchange of ideas among faculty and graduate students alike.

As I read the summer issue of *Middlebury Magazine,* I was struck by the juxtaposition of two provocative articles. The first ["A New Family Portrait"] has been dealt with exhaustively in recent letters by alumni, and probably not much more can be added on either side of that issue. The second article was more intriguing to me, for it recounted an alumnus's visit to Havana during the presidential election recount saga. The writer spoke of chatting with Cubans and apologizing to them for the fact that we might actually have George Bush in the White House after all. The editorial decision to feature these articles in tandem raised concerns that the College has subordinated its traditional humanistic mission in favor of more contemporary ideological controversies.

As a native Vermonter, I've always had libertarian leanings, and thus supported President Bush last year. While I don't expect that he garnered much support from the faculty and students at Middlebury, I do expect the school to carry on its academic mission, its devotion to the life of the intellect that I carry with me today as one of my most cherished memories. Politicization of college campuses has steadily grown since the sixties; however, the College has a more important obligation to its students and alumni than mere ideological arguments. It must remain a place that inspires the life of the mind in all who tread those leafy walks. This goal constitutes the higher purpose of a humanistic institution: a place in which all who live and study are inspired to test the boundaries of the human intellect unencumbered by the claims of contemporary experience.

Annie Bailey Burridge '83 (M.A. English '97)
Newburyport, Massachusetts

A Recollection of Dr. D.K. Smith

I was delighted to read in the fall issue of *Middlebury Magazine* that Reuben Mark '60 and Julie Johnson Kidd '67 have seen fit to endow a chair in honor of Dr. D. K. Smith '42. Dr. Smith, or "D.K." as he was affectionately known to his students, was a warm and caring teacher who was just as concerned with his *C* students as with his *A* students—a fact not forgotten by this member of the former group. In the 35 years I spent in the Foreign Service after leaving Middlebury, I did not always recall the finer details of Economics 101, but I did recall and try to emulate the humanity of Dr. Smith.

A vignette: At one point Dr. Smith announced to his economics class that Mrs. Smith had complained that he was not reading enough outside the field of economics. To remedy this situation, he and Mrs. Smith proposed that a group of students join them at their home in a monthly book-reading club. The rules were simple: read a book outside your major field of study and come prepared to discuss it over a light dinner. I signed up and was the only male to do so, which made the sessions even more delightful. As it turned out, the participants had such a good time that we decided to meet for readings twice a month. This is but one of many fond memories of a friendship with Dr. D. K. Smith.

Peter F. Spalding '61
Washington, D.C.

A Treacly Scourge Exposed

Congratulations to Elisabeth Robert '78, CEO of Vermont Teddy Bear Company ["Bear Market," fall 2001], but can't she put her evident business acumen to some other use? All these years, inquiring minds have wondered who is responsible for that treacly scourge of relationship-building, the Vermont (please always emphasize *Vermont*) Teddy Bear. Now we know.

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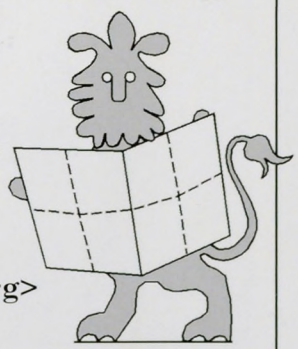

Back to Geography 101

The caption for your photo of climbers on Mount Cotopaxi in Ecuador [Class Action, winter 2002] has several significant errors: One, Cotopaxi is 19,345 feet high (you have it listed as 15,000 feet—those pictured deserve more credit than you give them). Two, it's not the highest volcano in the world or even in Ecuador. The Ecuadoran title goes to Chimborazo at 20,703 feet, and the highest volcano in the world is Ojos del Salado on the border of Chile and Argentina, which is 22,590 feet high.

Chris Dayton '87
Middlebury, Vermont

Gotta Have Heart

I was appalled to read "Recharging the Batteries," by President McCardell. In this time of great uncertainty, I think we could all benefit by recharging our "heart" batteries occasionally, instead of engaging in an endless pursuit of words on paper. Referring to the events of September 11, Dr. McCardell reminded us of "the vacancies in our knowledge of Islam and Afghanistan." How about the vacancies in the spirit of those who wish to perpetuate this global ceremony? As one who deeply misses this supposed institute of higher learning, I'm saddened to see that these precarious times have evoked nothing more from some than a meandering "intellectual" book list.

Adam Coldsnow '97
Austin, Texas

Missing Rachel

I was disappointed to hear that *Middlebury*

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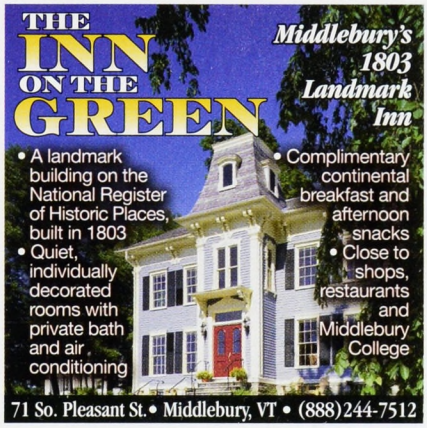
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LETTERS

Magazine editor Rachel Morton is moving on. I got to know Rachel through my association with the D-8 singing group as business manager. Our relationship consisted mostly of my pestering her to give us prime magazine real estate for our ads. This, in addition to several short interviews, introduced me to a journalist with enthusiasm, interesting ideas, and the high level of competency to make those ideas work. Rachel has a way of professionalism with the subtle Vermont tone-down, perfect for our college magazine. When she has found fame as a "real world" journalist, I will proudly say that I once sang to her in the shower [for a magazine photo shoot]. Many will miss her, and many more will miss the creative, thoughtful, and at times controversial editing they have quietly enjoyed for years.
Justin Elicker '97
New Canaan, Connecticut

Rachel, Good-bye

I criticized *Middlebury Magazine* editor Rachel Morton a few years ago when a certain article appalled me. (I should probably use quotation marks around "appalled," because I was just upset enough to go all trite inside—I probably used that predictable in-letters-to-the-editor word.) But I was sorry to see that she has left the magazine. It is interesting, well presented, and fair, and she has done a good job contributing to a more accessible and stimulating Middlebury. Good luck to Rachel and to her successor, and may the magazine continue to grow and improve!
Ned Farquhar '80
Palo Alto, California

Letters Policy

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Erica Wonnacott: Celebrating a Life of Caring

Erica Wonnacott, dean of students emerita, passed away on March 9, after a prolonged struggle with cancer. She came to Middlebury in 1968 as assistant dean of women and served as dean of students from 1970 until her retirement in 1988. Middlebury awarded her an honorary degree in 1989, and Wonnacott Commons was named in her honor. The following is an excerpt from remarks made at a memorial service for Dean Wonnacott by Karl Lindholm, dean of advising and faculty head of Brainerd Commons. Lindholm worked with her in the Dean of Students Office for 12 years.

NEAR THE END OF HER TIME AS DEAN, Erica was getting some award and was asked for her résumé. She didn't have a résumé, so she wrote one. It was half a page long. She put down her two academic degrees and her two dean's jobs. She said that was everything, and it was. She had no publications; she had made no speeches; she belonged to no national organizations. Being the dean of students, living in the house that she and her husband, Bruce, had built in Weybridge, and being an engaged citizen of Weybridge and Middlebury—those things were enough. She made her pleasures many by making her needs few, as Thoreau instructed.

Erica liked students; she liked being around them. She made them feel as if she had nothing else to do that day but talk to them. She was intuitive in her approach to students' issues and campus problems, and her judgments, especially about people, were unerring. She knew the difference between a mountain and a molehill, and she didn't waste a lot of time on trivial matters. She was always good in a crisis, calm and decisive.

Erica was notoriously forgiving of student mistakes. As a disciplinarian, she had a strong moral sense, acting on what she felt was right. She always slept on a decision, and often reversed herself if what was decided the day before didn't feel right. She didn't worry about consistency, and she could be accused at times of inconsistency. But she knew that, in the words of Emerson, "the journey of the best ship is a zigzag of a hundred tacks. See the line from a sufficient distance, and it straightens itself to the average tendency."

She went to only one conference a year—the New England Deans meeting. She was the only woman there, and she more than held her own. The other deans—all powerful, authoritative men—liked her and respected her. She held her own here at Middlebury, too. At meetings of the president's staff, up there in the imposing Old Chapel Room, Erica would offer her point of view, and Olin Robison, the president, would sigh and say, "Oh, Erica." She would respond, "No, really, Olin," and he would do it her way.

Erica earned the everlasting admiration of those who worked with her, never more so than in the difficult year of 1978, when Bruce was diagnosed with brain cancer and died. Every day that year, Erica came to work and dealt with matters that required great reserves of patience and empathy. We were awed, and our loyalty and admiration were cemented. We waited for her to crash, but she never did. Erica was strong.

That powerful model will stay with us. Erica is not defined by a long list of singular achievements. Her gift to us is in the way she lived her life and went about her work from day to day, with strength and generosity of spirit and integrity. I join all of you, I know, in being grateful for the life of Erica Wonnacott.

Freed from a Chinese prison, former Fulbright scholar Ngawang Choephel (right) is greeted by Lodi Gheri, the special envoy of the Dalai Lama, on Choephel's arrival in Washington, D.C.

Welcome Back, Ngawang!

When the Chinese government arrested Ngawang Choephel in 1995 for alleged espionage, a close friend explained that "he was doing what his education at Middlebury College taught him to do–scholarly research." He was filming the traditional music and dance of his native Tibet.

For six years, Choephel languished in Chinese and Tibetan prisons, while his friends back in Vermont and around the world worked for his release. Amnesty International, the Vermont delegation of the U.S. Congress, Tibetan advocacy groups, the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, and Middlebury's chapter of Students for a Free Tibet were just some of the voices raised in protest over his detention. On January 20, 2002, one month before President Bush was scheduled to visit China, Choephel was released on a medical parole, his health seriously depleted by the poor conditions under which he had been held.

A scant four weeks later, looking worn but determined, Choephel strode to the microphone at a College reception being held in his honor and thanked the standing-room-only crowd for the College community's help in gaining his release. "You make Middlebury a place that I will always hold in warm regard," he said. "Thank you very much for the hard work you have done."

Although Choephel grew up in India, his Tibetan heritage (his family fled from Tibet when he was two) informed his interests and ultimately led him back to his homeland. He studied traditional Tibetan music and joined the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts in Dharamsala. In 1993, Choephel came to Middlebury on a Fulbright scholarship to study and teach ethnomusicology. Two years later, with travel documents issued by Chinese authorities in India, he entered Tibet to conduct his research. "It was entirely my decision to go into Tibet," he said at the Middlebury reception. "I had no other mission … except to research and document Tibetan traditional music for my project."

Choephel's safe return was Middlebury's project, and faculty and students danced and sang at the reception in celebration of his release.

Photograph by Ken Cedeno/AP Photo

EXCELLENT!

DANIEL SCHARSTEIN, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, is this year's recipient of the Perkins Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award is given each year to an outstanding member of the College's natural sciences division. It rotates annually between the mathematics/computer science faculty and the laboratory science faculty and is awarded on the basis of students' evaluations of the teacher.

BERNINGHAUSEN HONORED

The first endowed professorship in the Chinese department will be created through a gift of $1.5 million from KATHLEEN O'CONNOR TRUSCOTT '83 and WILLIAM F. "TED" TRUSCOTT '83. The gift honors JOHN D. BERNINGHAUSEN, Charles A. Dana Professor of Chinese.

"We chose to honor John Berninghausen because of his commitment to excellent teaching, his ability to expand the mind, and his courage in establishing a Chinese language program at Middlebury in 1976. I owe my global view of the world largely to John, and I am indebted to him for teaching me about a fascinating region," said Ted Truscott.

SUPER BOWL THEORY

Professor of Economics PAUL SOMMERS's research on the Super Bowl theory of stock market behavior was recently cited in both the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Boston Globe*. The theory is that if a team from the original National Football League wins the title, the stock market increases for the rest of the year. If a team from the old American Football League wins, the market goes down.

If the theory holds true, this year's upset Super Bowl victory by the New England Patriots should signal a declining market. But Sommers notes that the predictive power of the Super Bowl has declined precipitously in the last decade, falling from 82 percent accuracy to less than 50 percent. "Reading the sports page now is not going to make it any easier to read economic tea leaves," he concludes.

GIVING PEACE A CHANCE

Middlebury ranks second on an annual list of all small colleges and universities producing Peace Corps volunteers. (A small college is defined as one with fewer than 5,000 undergraduates.) In the Peace Corps' 41-year history, 382 Middlebury alumni have joined its worldwide effort, and 22 are currently serving in the organization.

In a letter to President John M. McCardell, Jr., Peace Corps Chief of Staff Lloyd O. Pierson wrote, "The important role these students play in promoting hope, opportunity, and freedom cannot be underestimated in this time of adversity."

A Rare Treasure

AMONG SOME 19,000 VOLUMES housed in Middlebury's Abernethy Library of American Literature is Henry David Thoreau's very own copy of his masterpiece, *Walden; or, Life in the Woods*, with his numerous hand-written annotations. This priceless volume was part of the original collection of American literature bequeathed to the College in 1923 by Julian W. Abernethy, Class of 1876.

Escola Portuguesa

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE has established a new Portuguese School which will open in the summer of 2003 with approximately 30 students. Undergraduate language instruction will be offered in a seven-week program on three levels. The College also plans to offer beginning Portuguese during the 2002–03 academic year and hopes to have study-abroad opportunities in Brazil beginning in 2003.

Although Portuguese is the world's sixth most commonly spoken language, at present there is only one summer program in the U.S. devoted exclusively to its study. The Portuguese School will be Middlebury's ninth language school and the first summer program added since the Arabic School was inaugurated in 1982.

The College has also announced new study-abroad programs for students of other foreign languages. New immersion programs have been arranged at the University of Ferrara, Italy (fall 2001), the University of Poitiers, France (spring 2002), and the Freie Universität, Berlin (October 2002). In addition, Middlebury will begin sending students to a new School in Latin America in August 2002, with sites in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Montevideo, Uruguay. A possible school in China (Hangzhou) is also being discussed.

PHOTOGRAPH BY TAD MERRICK

A Gift to Advance Global Understanding

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE RECENTLY RECEIVED A GIFT of $1 million from the Felix and Elizabeth Rohatyn Foundation to create an endowment for the Center for International Affairs, which will be renamed the Rohatyn Center for International Affairs. The center's mission is to provide opportunities for students to explore international issues through direct interaction with academic experts and policy makers, and the endowment will enable the center to bring more international leaders, scholars, and businesspeople to campus.

Felix Rohatyn '49 was the United States ambassador to France from 1997 to 2001. Prior to his appointment as ambassador, he was a managing director of the investment bank Lazard Freres and Company in New York. He also served for many years as chairman of the Municipal Assistance Corporation of the City of New York.

The gift was announced by Acting President Ronald D. Liebowitz, who said, "This generous gift will make it possible for our faculty and students to engage the most pressing international issues by interacting with leaders whose work is directly related to those issues. It is an honor for the College to have the name of such an accomplished and respected alumnus on this vital and stimulating center."

Say Good-bye, Say Hello

A WARM WINTER with little snow didn't bode well for Middlebury's midyear graduation ceremony and the traditional ski-down at the Snow Bowl. Fortunately, a storm delivered snow just in time, and Saturday, February 2, turned into a beautiful day for more than 100 graduating Febs.

The students attended a ceremony at Mead Chapel, where they received replicas of Gamaliel Painter's cane and heard addresses by President John M. McCardell, Jr., and their classmate Jared W. Miller. "As kids we are asked what we want to be when we grow up," Miller observed. "We are trained to interpret certain jobs and experiences as success itself. However, the most important aspects of our lives are not those things, but the person behind them."

In the afternoon the Febs assembled at the Snow Bowl, dressed in traditional caps and gowns (decorated in some cases with leis, tinsel, and stuffed animals). They rode the lift to the top of the slope and then skied down in a ragged procession to the cheers of family and friends.

Just four days later, 106 new Febs checked in at a welcome center in Proctor Hall, where they were warmly greeted by an enthusiastic team of Feb orientation leaders. "I am so psyched that they are here," observed Peter "Brick" Abrikian '04, who was part of the welcoming team. He could have been speaking for the entire campus.

STEPPIN' OUT

Dance major Sean Hoskins '02 is one of three student choreographers from the New England region whose work has been chosen for a gala concert to be presented at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., in May.

All Americans

Nine athletes on Middlebury's winter sports teams have been honored as first- or second-team All Americans:

MEN'S HOCKEY

Christian Carlsson '02 (first team)

Matt Dunn '02 (first team)

Kevin Cooper '04 (second team)

Ryan Constantine '02 (second team)

MEN'S DIVING

Derek Chicarilli '02

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Catherine Elkins '02 (first team)

Amber Neil '03 (second team)

INDOOR TRACK

Michela Adrian '03 (first team)

ALPINE SKIING

John Rusten '05

PHOTOGRAPH BY BOB HANDELMAN

Sports Shorts

FOR THE FIRST TIME in many seasons we don't have a national championship to write about. Since Middlebury has garnered 15 NCAA championships in the past seven years, perhaps no championship trophy is a story in itself. Trophies notwithstanding, league and individual successes over the past few months have been impressive.

The men's swimming and diving team won the NESCAC championships—the first time in 35 years that Williams did not win the NESCAC men's title. Grayson Stuntz '02 picked up two first-place finishes and set two NESCAC meet records. The team of Stuntz, Scott Strickler '02, Mike Malloy '02, and Matt Clark '04 set a NESCAC record in the 200 medley relay, and diver Derek Chicarilli '02 earned first place in both the one-meter and three-meter diving events. Chicarilli was selected as the NESCAC diver of the year and senior high-point winner for scoring the most points in diving over the past four years. Panther head coach Peter Solomon was named NESCAC swimming coach of the year, and diving coach Lisa Gibbs was selected as the diving coach of the year for the third consecutive year.

The men's and women's hockey teams both entered postseason play ranked number one in Division III. The women's team enjoyed another stellar season but suffered its first Division III loss in seven years to a hustling Manhattanville squad. The team fell in the NESCAC semifinals to Williams 2-1, ending an 86-game unbeaten streak in Division III home games. The Panther women had a tough draw in the first round of the NCAA tournament, traveling to Bowdoin where their season came to an end with a 2-1 loss to the Polar Bears. The two-time national champions posted a 19-3-1 season record.

The Panther men's hockey team defeated Colby 4-2 and Trinity 3-2 to win its third consecutive NESCAC championship. In the semifinals against Colby, the Panthers came from behind to win with 53 seconds left in the game. In the final game against Trinity, Kevin Cooper '04 scored a hat-trick, including the game-winner in the third period, as the Panthers overcame a 2-0 deficit to take the game and the NESCAC title.

Middlebury hosted the NCAA men's hockey championships, drubbing Wentworth two games to none in the opening round. That win set up the third game of the year with cross-state rival Norwich as Middlebury hosted the 2002 NCAA championship weekend. The teams had split their regular season games with one victory each, but this time Norwich handed the Panthers a 5-2 loss. The squad finished with a school record for wins (26-2-1), while Kevin Cooper tied Middlebury's single-season record with 28 goals.

Other news: The women's swim team competed at the NCAA championships and placed 30th out of 62 teams.

The women's indoor track team competed in the ECAC championships at Tufts, finishing 21st out of 74 teams. Michela Adrian '03 went on to represent the Panthers at the NCAA national championships in Ohio, finishing fourth in the 5000 meter run.

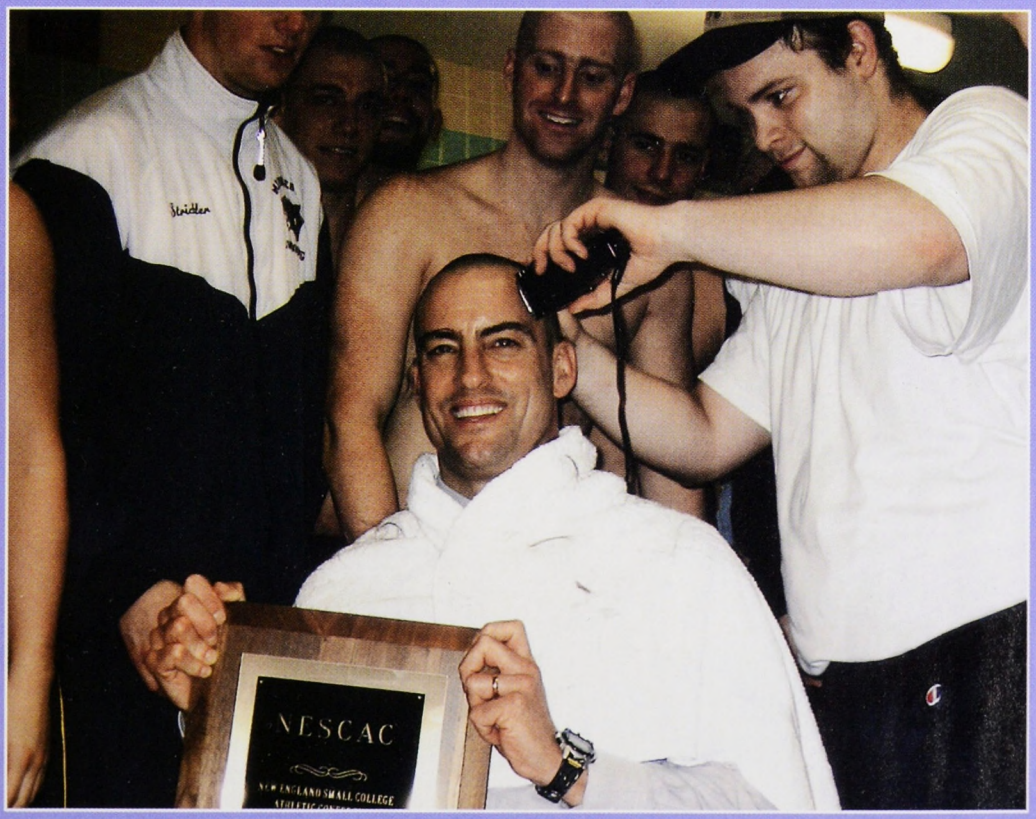
The alpine and nordic ski teams competed at the NCAAs in Anchorage, Alaska, finishing 11th out of 23 teams.

The women's basketball team saw its 11-game winning streak come to an end with a loss to Bowdoin in the NESCAC championship game. The squad finished the season 22-5 overall, and Megan McCosker '02 was named NESCAC defensive player of the year for the second straight season.

The Panther men's basketball team posted an 11-13 season record and a 3-6 record in NESCAC play.

The women's squash team ended its season with a sixth-place finish in flight "B" of the Howe Cup hosted by Yale. The team's final record was 13-8.

—Kelly Kerner



Coach Peter Solomon told his swimmers he'd shave his head if they won the NESCAC men's championships. They did, and the coach immediately acquired a striking new look.

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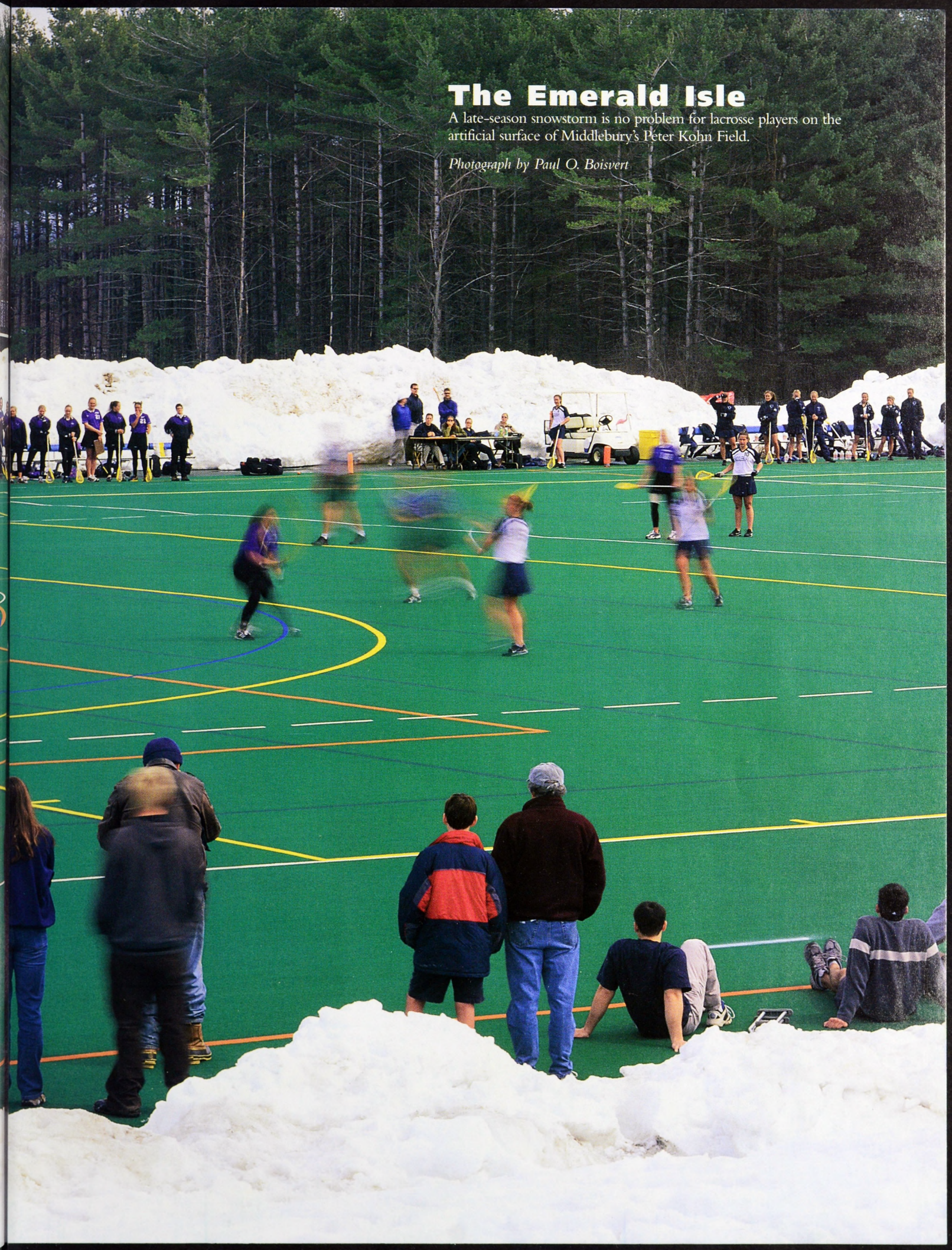


The Emerald Isle

A late-season snowstorm is no problem for lacrosse players on the artificial surface of Middlebury's Peter Kohn Field.

Photograph by Paul O. Boisvert

Clean Your Plate

LIFE AT THE OTHER END OF THE FOOD CHAIN

BY KIM ASCH

Clad in apron and rubber gloves, dishroom volunteer Eleanor Tutwiler '03 is getting her first glimpse of the dinner period from the perspective of the people who routinely clean up after her. She doesn't like what she sees.

The dirty supper dishes coming from Proctor and Freeman International Center (FIC) dining hall are laden with untouched food, the kind of fare found on the menu of a snazzy restaurant: whole filets of salmon with dill sauce; slabs of lamb zinfandel; heaps of field greens, sesame noodles, and fresh guacamole. Many are covered with stacks of unused napkins, inexplicably bound for the trash can. "I'm definitely learning how much food and napkins people waste," says Tutwiler, her nose wrinkling.

Tutwiler is one of about a dozen volunteers working tonight for the Dishwashing Project, a new staff appreciation initiative. Once every two weeks, staff members from both dining halls are given a paid evening off while students, faculty, and administrators volunteer to take their places. The goal is to "build a better, less stratified, more respectful Middlebury College Community," and to "learn what it's like to make our school work on a day-to-day basis," explain Leda Smith and Oren Frey, two enlightened seniors who cooked up the idea.

President John McCardell joins volunteers in the Proctor dishwashing room. The student-organized Dishwashing Project gives dining hall staff members a paid evening off.

Photograph by Louisa Conrad '04, The Addison Independent

Both had noticed a certain carelessness among their peers who, they say, rely on "nameless, faceless" College employees to scour the bathrooms,

keep the grounds clean, take away their trash, and scrape the food off their plates. "It's not intentional disrespect—it's just easy to not think about them because you don't know them," says Frey, an environmental studies major, who has become friends with some of the people who toil behind the scenes by driving a truck part time for the College's recycling collection program. "And, to some degree, you're paying 30-something-thousand dollars a year, and you feel like it's owed to you."

"But," adds Smith, also an environmental studies major, "the idea of entitlement is a mind-set we're trying to break down."

In the fall, the pair proposed to President John McCardell that all students be required to complete at least one eight-hour shift performing campus maintenance, such as raking leaves or sorting recycling, in order to graduate. Instead, McCardell suggested the dishwashing project—and then volunteered for the first shift on January 10.

"It really isn't volunteer work anymore if you require students to do it. If people do it because they want to, that's the purest form of contribution, I think," McCardell told the *Addison Independent*, a local newspaper that covered the project's kickoff. "I couldn't support the effort being a requirement, but I thought that joining them in the cafeteria would be an added incentive for students to volunteer."

Support for the project has been overwhelming. "Within three hours, we had 75 positive e-mails" from students, faculty, and administrators interested in helping out, Smith says. Social houses signed up to wash, as did the environmental-interest house, the crew team, the Alianza Latinoamericana y Caribeña, and various other campus groups. "We're booked for most of the rest of the semester," Smith adds. "I think people really want to help others, and often they just need a way that they can show it."

Tonight, the mood in both the Proctor and FIC dishrooms is festive, if a little frenzied. "Once we get busy, the mood may change," quips Proctor dishroom supervisor John Dow, 22, explaining that the workload hits its peak between 6:30 P.M. and 7 P.M. "When you regularly feed 1,200 people, it can get tough."

It takes about two volunteers to do the job of one experienced dishroom staffer.

By 6:30 P.M., some of the rookies are finding it difficult to keep up. "This is definitely harder than it looks," says Anya Puri '88, director of Alumni and Parent Programs, who is stationed in the Proctor dishroom, trying to empty a multitiered carousel of dirty plates, cups, and cutlery before it revolves past her. "It's like on *I Love Lucy*, when she gets stuck on the candy assembly line."

Puri and several colleagues from College Advancement have signed up to work as a team tonight. Four of them are shoulder-to-shoulder, using spatulas to scrape the food off the plates into a long narrow trough in front of them. (It takes about two volunteers to do the job of one experienced dishroom staffer.) "I may be seeing the bad end of the food, but it's clearly better than when I was here," says Puri, recalling that waste was also a problem back in the mid-'80s. While she was an undergraduate, some students created a massive sculpture entirely out of the food left on plates to get the point across.

Back in FIC, student volunteers are earnest, smiling—and slightly disgusted. Tutwiler is scraping dishes with Nate Dorr '04 and Jeff Phillippe '02, while others empty the industrial dishwasher, sorting and stacking clean plates, cups, and cutlery. Dorr examines a tumbler that is full of a fluorescent green liquid. It seems to be a botched experiment in beverage mixology. "I'm guessing orange juice and the blue drink?" he hypothesizes.

Thanks to the College's enhanced recycling efforts, the leftover food isn't thrown away. It's emptied into a large stainless steel contraption called a Spooge, which grinds up the leftovers for compost to enrich the soil used in campus greenhouses and landscaping. In 2001, the dining halls generated 562,680 pounds of compost, up from 560,712 in 2000 and 559,120 in 1999.

Regular staff members who remain on duty for tonight's shift—the paid night off rotates among employees, so that each will have a couple of breaks by the end of the semester—give the volunteers high marks. "They're doing good," says Donna Blaise, a six-year veteran of the dishroom. Russell Hulst, her supervisor, adds, "They come in with smiles on their faces and such a positive attitude. They're so gung-ho and so organized."

Volunteers remain enthusiastic about the project after their shifts are over—even if their feet and backs are a little sore. "I had such a fun and rewarding time giving someone a paid night off. I think other people should appreciate this opportunity and take advantage of it in order to give something back to those who make our lives run more smoothly," senior Ken Mullane wrote to Frey and Smith after the first night of the dishwashing project.

"By the end of the four hours, I had a newfound respect for everyone who works at Proctor," wrote Corinne Balint '04. "I now smile and say hi to the workers who showed me how to wash dishes, and I think twice about leaving so much unfinished food on my plate."

Mission accomplished? Not quite. Frey and Smith would like to expand the effort to include other departments. "I feel like the potential on this campus is huge," Smith says.

Kim Asch, a freelance writer in Vermont, is managing editor of The Hill, *the magazine of Western Maryland College.*

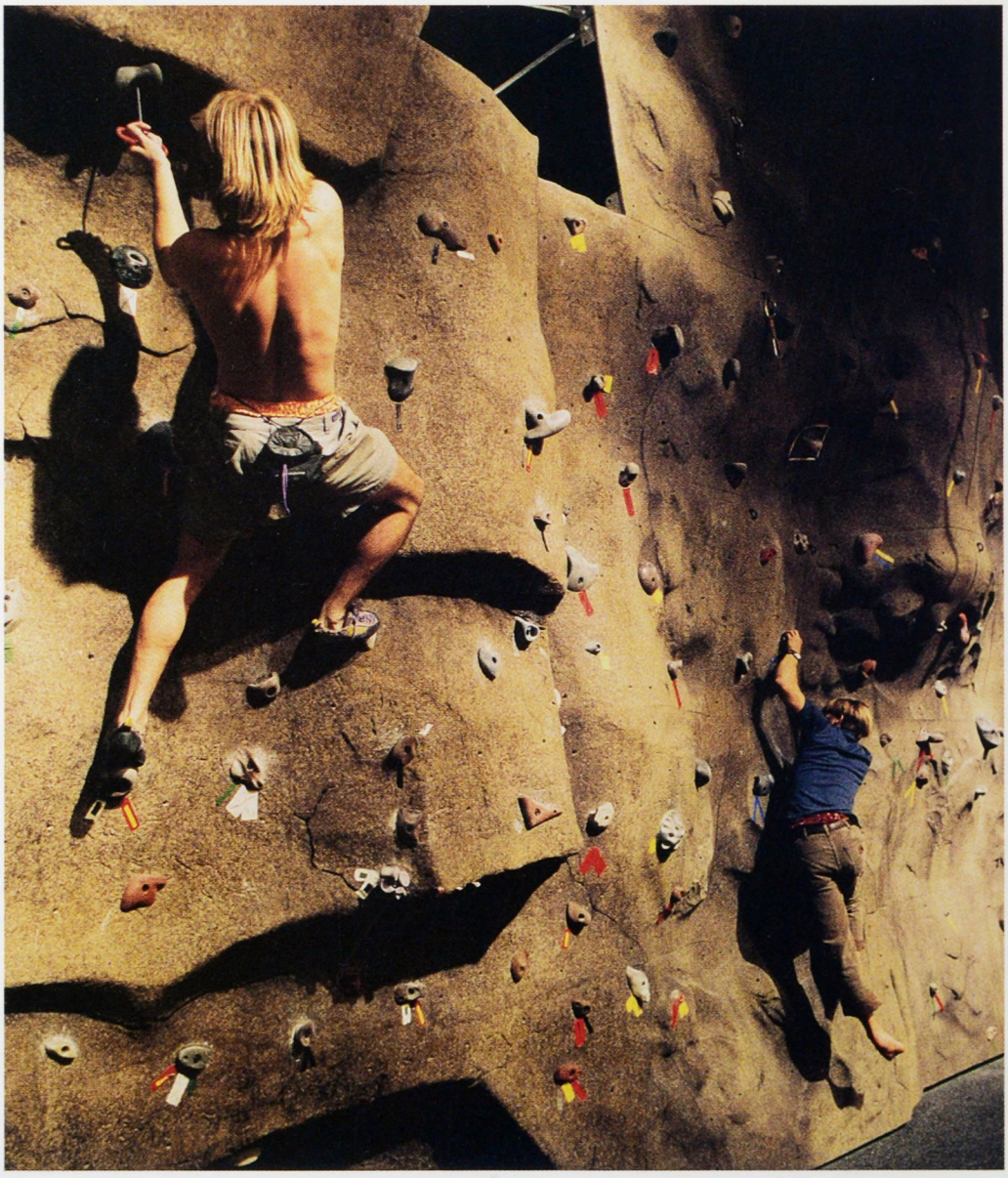
Climbing the Wall

STATE-OF-THE-ART ROCK LEAVES NO HOLDS BARRED

BY TRENT NUTTING '02

STOMACH-THUMPING TECHNO BASS THROBS while students clad in Lycra and tank tops or baggy hospital pants and ragged T-shirts twist their bodies into amoeba-like configurations. They cling and grimace and flex sinewy arms as they clamber up and across four stories of fake rock face. Some move slowly, deliberately, assuredly, while others scramble. Some are guys and some are girls. But all are here for the same reason: to shrug off gravity's laws as they test themselves on Middlebury's new climbing wall.

Completed in January by a crew of workers from the Oregon-based company Entre Prises, the climbing facility in newly renovated Nelson Recreation Center has pumped student rockhounds with a newfound energy for the sport. The old wall in Fletcher Field House wasn't a whole lot of fun. It was an angled plywood structure jammed into the corner of the building and surrounded by safety nets. The safety nets weren't there to keep climbers



The bouldering section of Middlebury's new climbing wall is formed from a ceramic compound that can mimic the cracks and holds of a natural rock face.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JOSH DRAKE '03

from crashing to the floor but to protect them from Fletcher's rogue dangers: lacrosse balls during winter workouts, soccer balls during intramural tournaments, tennis balls during open court sessions. Discovering new and challenging routes across the old wall became secondary to dodging projectiles. So it's no surprise that Middlebury's new facility is winning rave reviews from expert climbers and hackers alike.

"This wall is as good as it gets," says junior Ben Wessler. "It's the next best thing to natural rock." Wessler is the Obi-Wan Kenobi of Middlebury's rock-climbing community. He's been climbing for seven years, and whether he's sharing on-the-wall tips with neophytes in a climbing class or representing the College in intercollegiate competition, he's never met a wall he doesn't like.

"Climbing is a sport that's highly individual," Wessler observes. "The challenges and rewards are all personal. Each time you go to the wall, you're going up against yourself. Whether you're trying to improve a hold that's been troubling you or to work through a particularly difficult route, at the end of a day of climbing you know how much you progressed. You're not being compared to anyone else; so you work entirely on your own skills."

And the new wall is a perfect place to do that. Designed to the specifications of campus climbers, the wall was created at the Entre Prises factory in Oregon and assembled on-site in the gymnasium. The right side of the wall rises 40 feet above the floor, with bright safety ropes cascading from the ceramic summit high in the rafters. More than halfway up, there's an outcropping that juts from the wall at a stomach-turning 90 degrees. Climbers are forced to dangle, momentarily horizontal, 30 feet above the floor, hoping that their legs and arms and aching fingertips don't choose that moment to go on vacation.

The left side of the wall—the bouldering area—is not as visually intimidating as the right side, though its routes are just as varied and challenging. This is where climbers can practice without the use of ropes. Fifteen feet high at its peak, the bouldering section looks a lot like natural rock. It was built using a method called free-form, in which sculptors slather a ceramic compound across the face of a constructed frame and mold it with their hands to mimic the cracks and holds of a natural rock face. Consequently, the bouldering area of the Middlebury wall is unique; no one has a wall exactly like it.

"It's like a superhighway versus a country road," says Wessler, comparing the new wall to the old plywood structure. "It has modular holds—specially designed, removable grips that are separate from the structure itself. It enables us to move the grips around, to set up new routes and tweak existing routes just a little bit. You can never get bored with this new wall because it's a changeable face."

It's not just die-hard rock-hounds who are excited about the new climbing wall. Many students uninitiated in the sport of climbing have flocked to Nelson Recreation Center to see what all the fuss is about. The old wall in Fletcher Field House saw the same group of approximately 20 kids day after day. In contrast, more than 150 people tried out the new wall in the first week after its official opening.

Brian Reilly '03 is one of the newcomers to the Middlebury climbing community. "I took a climbing course this fall as a physical education requirement and immediately became hooked," he says. "I used to climb in Fletcher, and it was definitely fun, but the new facility makes you want to be on the wall every day."

The new facility's colossal size of 2,000 square feet allows nearly 30 climbers to work on the wall simultaneously; whereas, the old wall could handle only several climbers at a time. "In Fletcher," says Wessler, "you always felt on display. There would be three people climbing and 12 watching. It was tough to focus on the intricacies of technique with so many distractions."

Now, if anyone is standing around, they're probably gathering the mettle to tackle a particularly difficult route, or perhaps giving their fingers and legs and arms a much-needed rest before tackling the rock one more time.

When climbers, novice or expert, talk about the appeal of their sport, their expression changes. It's as though they're looking somewhere else, remembering every inch of rock that they've pulled their body over, feeling again the scrapes and bruises endured in days or years of climbing. They'll describe the places they've traveled to in search of new rocks to climb and tell stories of the people they met there. Most of the time, though, the discussion will turn to the topic of movement, because in climbing, movement's the thing. The best climbers, the most graceful and efficient and elegant climbers, have a way of turning gravity from law into mere suggestion. Watching as they dance skyward, one is tempted to think, if only for a moment, that the natural way of things is up.

Climbers are forced to dangle 30 feet above the floor, hoping that their legs and arms and aching fingertips don't choose that moment to go on vacation.

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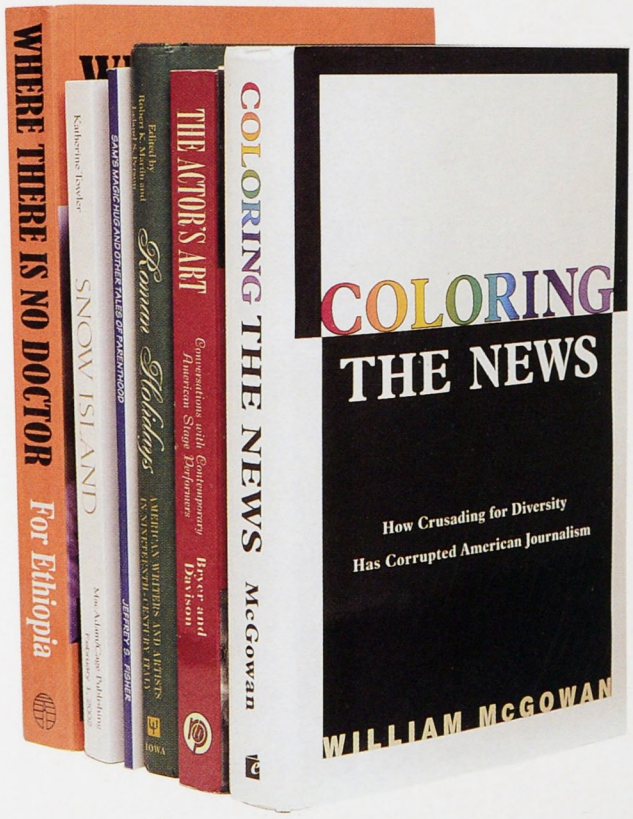
The Media's New Bias

HAS THE DRIVE FOR DIVERSITY DAMAGED AMERICAN JOURNALISM?

BY SARAH VAN ARSDALE



IT WASN'T LONG AGO that every medium-sized city in America had its own daily paper—sometimes two competing papers, morning and evening. And those papers were owned by local news magnates who hired and fired and reported as they saw fit. The only women contributing to the papers were writing clever recipe columns on the Friday "Women's Pages," and the only black reporters were freelancers brought in to write about "the race question."

Journalism has changed over the past 20 years, and newspapers' circulation numbers have dropped with the advent of more television news, a decline in interest in reading, and the growing might of national news conglomerates. In *Coloring the News: How Crusading for Diversity Has Corrupted American Journalism* (Encounter Books), William McGowan '78 suggests that there has been a decline in quality news reporting as well, due in large part to the way in which news organizations have pushed for diversity among their staff and in their reporting.

It isn't that McGowan, a regular contributor to the *Wall Street Journal* and a fellow at the Manhattan Institute, is opposed to diversity, or that he thinks we should go back to the days when news was reported almost exclusively by and about white men. "Given the industry's past sins of racial, ethnic, and cultural exclusion, the steps it has taken to enhance minority representation in newsrooms and in news coverage represent a worthy, overdue, and historically necessary effort," he emphasizes. "But after nearly a decade of monitoring how the nation's most important news organizations cover these issues, I would say that the drive for greater diversity has failed to yield better journalism, and that this has negative implications for American society's growth as a multicultural society."

McGowan's argument in *Coloring the News* is gripping, no matter which side of the diversity question you're on. He presents his case with the kind of in-depth, considered, and thorough reporting you'd expect from a seasoned journalist. And his reporting here is tinged with a bit of the "gratuitous cynicism, brash iconoclasm, and ready impertinence" that he says was once a hallmark of good journalism—a healthy cynicism which, he charges, has been all but obliterated by the surging call for diversity.

The result of that call, ironically, has been a new bias in journalism, one that at first glance seems to favor people of color, gays, and women, but in actuality serves no one. As one example of this bias, McGowan cites the reporting of the murder of Matthew Shepherd, the young gay man whose body was found tied to a fence in Wyoming in the fall of 1998—a murder that fueled the push for hate-crimes legislation across the country. This murder was covered nationally in no fewer than 3,007 stories, including a cover story in *Time* magazine.

McGowan juxtaposes this coverage with the 46 stories that were published about the 1999 rape and murder of a 13-year-old Arkansas boy named Jesse Dirkhising. He attributes the relative paucity of report-

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ing on that case to the fact that the boy was murdered by two gay men.

News organizations contacted by McGowan about this disparity said that they didn't report on the Dirkhising story because it didn't have national consequences the way the Shepherd story did. But, McGowan writes, "No one admitted the obvious: that the Dirkhising story was too hot to handle because it raised the explosive issue of gay pedophilia and because it threatened the sanctity of the gays-as-victims script which had attained the status of holy writ in the media."

In other words, both the murders of Shepherd and Dirkhising were tragic and horrifying, but the current bias in the press allowed reporters to ignore one story while thoroughly covering the other. This really isn't any advance over the days when the Dirkhising murder would have been splashed across the news and the Shepherd murder would have been buried on the back page.

Throughout the book, McGowan also acknowledges the equally damaging bias that predominated in the press until recently. In a chapter titled "Gay and Feminist Issues," he reminds the reader of the 1960s, when *Time* magazine "called a same-sex orientation 'a pathetic little second-rate substitute for reality, a pitiable flight from life.' "

"Once the most vital force in America's political life, news organizations have forfeited their leadership role," writes McGowan. "Today, many of them . . . seem stuck behind the ideological curve, wedded to a rigid view of diversity that the general citizenry finds both irrelevant and suspect."

NOTEWORTHY

IF YOU'VE EVER WONDERED whether to give tetracycline by injection or by mouth, or if you'd like a rundown on the symptoms of river blindness, *Where There Is No Doctor: A Village Health Care Handbook* (Shama Books: Addis Ababa) is the book for you. Edited by **DR. RICHARD HODES '75**, it is intended specifically for village health care workers in Ethiopia, where proper medical information is often desperately needed and frighteningly scarce. For the more casual reader, Hodes, along with authors David Werner, Carol Thuman, Jane Maxwell, and Andrew Pearson, provides a fascinating look at health care in Ethiopia, with information about which folk remedies truly work, which don't, and how to treat everything from cobra bites to menstrual cramps.

Perhaps most affecting is the concrete information about treating and preventing malnutrition, chronic diarrhea, typhoid fever, and other common health problems for the people of Ethiopia, a country where the average life expectancy is 43 years and 140,000 children are infected with HIV.

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In the past 40 years, we've seen the child-rearing pendulum swing from the spare-the-rod-and-spoil-the-child approach, which often made children afraid to speak out loud, to a free-wheeling, no-rules freedom that leaves many bewildered and unsure of themselves. There must be a better way—which brings us to Positive Pushing, a theory developed by **JIM TAYLOR '81** who believes that by pushing children carefully, paying attention to their needs and abilities, one can help them to grow into more accomplished, successful adults.

In *Positive Pushing: Raise Your Child to Be Successful and Happy* (Hyperion Press, New York), Taylor lays out the "Three Pillars of Successful Achievers"—self-esteem, ownership, and emotional mastery—which can help children to make the transition to confident and capable adulthood. Taylor knows that raising a "successful and happy" child isn't easy, and the book is peppered with "red flags" to warn parents when they might be drifting off course. These include "Punishment Exceeds the Crime," "Taking on Your Child's Responsibilities," and "Overmatching Your Child."

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Anytime you start a novel with a character coming to a small island, you've got a good book going, and **KATHERINE TOWLER**'S (M.A. English '84) *Snow Island* (MacAdam/Cage Publishing) is no exception. From the opening pages, when George Tibbits steps from the ferry for his annual stay on the island, we're drawn into the tale, and we wonder how his life will intersect with that of 16-year-old islander Alice Daggett. Perched precariously on the cusp of adulthood, Alice is haunted by questions about her father, who died six years earlier.

Set in 1941, this book is saturated with the details of its time and place, with quahogging buckets, sandy beaches, and boats lost to hurricanes. The feeling of being on a small New England island is palpable: "The start of the season was marked by the morning George Tibbits stepped from the ferry, blinking at the light. He came to Snow each year on a warm day when you could smell the water after the locked-in months of winter, when the air was thick with the clotted scent of mud and salt and dried seaweed."

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For all our fascination with the lives of stars, we rarely get a chance to hear actors reflecting on the details of their work and their lives. *The Actor's Art: Conversations with Contemporary American Stage Performers*, edited by **RICHARD A. DAVISON '56** and Jackson R. Bryer (Rutgers University Press), presents interviews with 17 actors ranging from Jessica Tandy, who made her stage debut in 1927, to relative newcomers such as Nathan Lane. Through the actors' own words, the reader gets a new perspective on their work and on what it means to be an actor.

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In *Roman Holidays: American Writers and Artists in Nineteenth-Century Italy* (University of Iowa Press), **LELAND S. PERSON '69** and Robert K. Martin bring together 12 essays on writers and artists, including Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry James, and Margaret Fuller. Hawthorne's novel *The Marble Faun* provides a central focus for the book, and rightly so, considering the influence it had on readers of the time. But this is more than a gloss on that one novel; the writers examine the ways in which travel to Italy enabled Americans to break free of the expectations imposed by society back home. "Being on holiday in Europe, much like going into the 'wilderness' for earlier generations of American explorers and travelers, offered both opportunities and danger," the editors write in the introduction.

Building a Better College

IT'S NOT THE STRUCTURES, BUT THE PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS THAT WILL FILL THEM

BY RONALD D. LIEBOWITZ

THE FEBRUARY MEETING of the Middlebury Board of Trustees was among the most significant in recent memory. The board approved not one but two major projects: the new library, to be located on the site vacated by the "deconstructed" Science Center, and Atwater Commons, a complex of residential buildings and a dining hall that will be located on the north side of the campus, behind the Château.

The Board of Trustees' bold decision reaffirms the College's commitment to the most fundamental goals of a residential liberal arts college: to ignite a passion for learning that will last a lifetime; to create venues in which a diverse body of students and faculty can pursue that passion together; to offer multiple opportunities for students to grow into leaders; and to foster social relations built on respect for individuals and community.

The new library, in spite of its traditional name, will offer our students and faculty much more than a traditional library and will serve as the intellectual and academic centerpiece of the campus. Planning for this facility took more than seven years, but the process allowed us to consider carefully the major questions facing the future of college libraries. Many of those questions had to do with the impact of the increasing digitalization and accessibility of information. How will new information technology influence the amount of space we will need to house our collection, and how is that space likely to be used in 2004 and beyond? There are no simple answers to these questions, but our planning committee, after visits to many colleges and discussions with many library specialists, arrived at what we believe are responsible yet flexible assumptions for our new facility. Although cost containment factored into many decisions about the building's design and program, the central consideration was always the nature of our teaching and learning environment.

First and foremost, the new library will provide the venues in which multiple kinds of learning and inquiry will flourish, both supporting what goes on in the classroom and fostering independent research. It will offer more than 700 seats, all of them equipped with power and data connections. There will be traditional reading rooms, quiet study areas, assisted-learning stations, student-carrel suites, group-study rooms for collaborative work, faculty-study rooms, a 24-hour study area, and a media-development laboratory. Teaching spaces will include electronic classrooms, a 30-seat "smart" lecture hall, a Web-conference seminar room, and the College Writing Center.

The library program accommodates the rapidly changing way in which information is stored, accessed, and utilized in teaching and scholarship. The program will be prepared to offer "wireless" services throughout. Yet, and probably most important, the new library's program assumes that human interaction is essential to the learning process. Students and faculty will be well supported by staff from Library and Information Services (LIS), a new entity now being formed through a merger of staff from Starr Library and from Information Technology Services, with a singular mission to provide the best access to information in all its forms.

Starr Library has served the College well for the past 102 years and remains dear to scores of alumni, faculty, and staff. Yet Starr's infrastructure could not support the kinds of opportunities a liberal arts college of the twenty-first century must offer its students and faculty. Current plans call for Starr to be renovated for use as a major academic building, thereby retaining its link to the College's core mission.

The Atwater Commons project also speaks to the importance of human interaction in extending the educa-

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tional experiences of our students. The new residence halls will provide mostly senior housing to complement the existing first-year, sophomore, and junior living options in Atwater Commons' other residence halls—Allen, Coffrin, and the Château. This mix of housing will ensure that seniors, who often look toward a more independent style of living as they prepare for their transition into the "real world," will want to live on campus and will thus be able to offer their maturity and experience to the Commons and the social life of the College as a whole.

Atwater Commons, like the library, is more about human relationships and learning than the physical infrastructure that the buildings will provide. While additional beds would be necessary in any case to accommodate the planned expansion of the student body, we have chosen to configure our residential spaces into five Commons, each with approximately 425 to 475 students. This arrangement offers students small-scale communities in which to develop meaningful relationships with fellow students, with faculty, and with staff. These communities will balance the kinds of academic and social interaction that take place daily within the larger College community.

In the more intimate Commons environment, students can continue discussion of issues and ideas that arise in classes; enjoy special dinners that bring them into closer contact with faculty, guest lecturers, and artists; develop a sense of community through participation in intramural athletics or volunteer work organized through the Commons; or engage in other activities that can be better done on a smaller scale than that of the campus as a whole.

For those who are unfamiliar with the structure of our new residential system, we have five Commons, each led by a senior faculty member, called a faculty head of Commons. The primary role of the faculty heads of Commons is to help students establish an atmosphere in their Commons that promotes learning in its broadest definition: learning about a range of academic subjects, learning about others, learning how to become a leader, learning about oneself. The system is rooted in the belief that, as President McCardell often says, "learning takes place around the clock and in all venues," and that, at Middlebury, nobody should be allowed to be anonymous. We believe that faculty should play a leading role in promoting an atmosphere for learning, one built on continuous inquiry, mutual respect, and meaningful human interaction.

The faculty heads of Commons are but one part of a larger team that is devoted to supporting students in their smaller Commons communities. Each Commons has a dean, whose office is in the Commons, usually in first-year students' residence halls. The dean plays a major role in the daily lives of our students, advising them on a variety of issues and serving as the contact person for faculty who might have questions or concerns about a student's performance in class. The continuity provided by an ongoing connection between students and their Commons dean, who may know them for their entire four years at Middlebury, has already proven to be an invaluable feature of the system.

Ultimately, these new buildings will help us to create a seamless academic and residential experience.

The faculty heads and the deans are assisted by student junior counselors (JCs) and resident assistants (RAs) and by Commons resident assistants (CRAs), who are recent graduates. The JCs, RAs, and CRAs live in the Commons and support our students in many ways—providing advice on class selection, helping students to cope with stress, or helping them identify the services provided in such offices as the Counseling Center, the Health Center, and Academic Support. The Commons community ensures that students know the people who can help them, and those people know them.

The addition of 150 beds through the Atwater project will not only improve the quality of our residence halls, it will also bring the College closer to its targeted enrollment goal of 2,350. A larger enrollment will in turn permit us to recruit and hire the remaining 15 of 30 new faculty positions that were part of the College's strategy for growth, approved by the Board of Trustees in 1995. These faculty positions, many of them in emerging fields and interdisciplinary areas, add energy and imagination to the curriculum and cocurricular programs, while helping to ensure the close student-faculty interaction that defines the residential liberal arts college experience.

Ultimately, these new building projects are not simply structures in which to house books or house students; they are environments that will help to create a seamless academic and residential experience. The library will help every student to make the connection he or she needs—with a book, a Web site, a research librarian, a student tutor, or a professor. Atwater Commons will make each student part of a community that offers intellectual stimulation, advice, support, and opportunities to become a leader of the community.

One of our faculty heads, Professor Stephen Donadio, likes to say that his job is to make sure that "no student leaves Middlebury without having a chance to sample everything it has to offer." These new projects will continue expanding the range of possibilities that Middlebury offers, while ensuring that this remains a place where every opportunity is within reach and every person within call.

Ronald D. Liebowitz is Middlebury's acting president.

Posse students and friends at the programs's annual Posse Plus retreat in February 2002.

Photographs by Kathleen Dooher

Stand by Me

POSSE STUDENTS GET A LOT OF HELP FROM THEIR FRIENDS

ATHENIA FISCHER wasn't thinking about making connections when she first set foot in Vermont on a chilly day in April 2000. The 18-year-old high school senior had lived in Brooklyn most of her life, but she had come north on the bus to visit the College where she would be enrolling in the fall. As Fischer peered out of the bus window, the first thing she noticed was the cemetery at the southern edge of campus. Not a good sign, she thought. Then she looked around at the students wearing shorts in the freezing cold and wondered what was wrong with them. She recalled the pungent smell of cow manure that had drifted into the bus on the ride into town. "It was like the twilight zone," she said. When Fischer walked into an orientation session in the gym, she sat down on the floor and cried.

College culture shock is not unusual. Students who don't attend the elite private high schools that supply Middlebury with many of its undergraduates often feel academically and socially ill equipped when they arrive on campus. Those from big-city public schools feel it doubly; they're used to living among so many different kinds of people that no one is a minority, and when they come to Middlebury, which is 80 percent white, it's as though they've landed in another country. Fischer, who is black, says that when classes started in September, she felt "like an outcast."

Had she come to Middlebury on her own, Fischer might have become discouraged and transferred to a larger school. But she wasn't on her own, thanks to a partnership that Middlebury established three years ago with the Posse Foundation. This nonprofit group, based in New York City, recruits student leaders from urban public high schools and sends them to college in multicultural teams, or posses. There are usually 10 students selected for each Posse—Fischer is a member of Middlebury's second Posse, known

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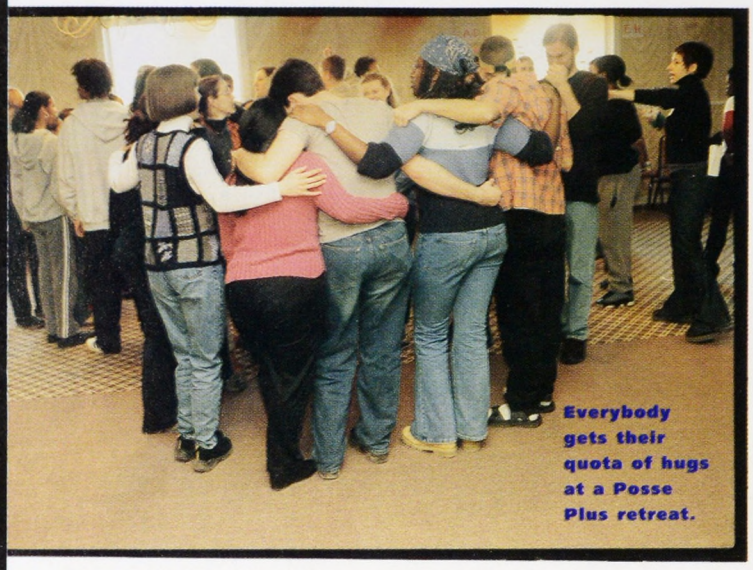


Everybody gets their quota of hugs at a Posse Plus retreat.

as Posse 2—and they spend the better part of their senior year in high school getting to know one another. Once they get to college, they function as a support group, complete with weekly meetings, an annual off-campus retreat, and a faculty mentor. They help one another to navigate the social and academic challenges of the "twilight zone" Fischer experienced.

Middlebury currently has three Posses—29 students—and next year will have four, one in each class. Each Posse student has earned a highly competitive scholarship that covers 75 percent of the College's comprehensive fee. Some qualify for additional grant aid as well. And because they come from New York City public schools, many of them, but not all, are minorities.

While the Posse scholars bring a measure of racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity to Middlebury College, Michael Schoenfeld, dean of enrollment planning, believes that their contribution is more profound than that. They are helping to "unite the campus," he says. They have been selected not only for their academic potential, but also for their leadership skills. Part of the Posse Foundation's mission is to help them hone those skills in high school, so they will arrive at college ready "to build relationships between disparate parts of the campus community," says Janine Clookey, a math professor, director of Middlebury's academic support office, and one of three Posse faculty mentors.

Simply put, these kids are activists and joiners, not loners. "They're increasing the discussion of what it means to be different," says Schoenfeld. "If we have 40 of these kids getting involved and speaking their minds, that's at least 40 different organizations and a lot of classes that are more multicultural than they were before."

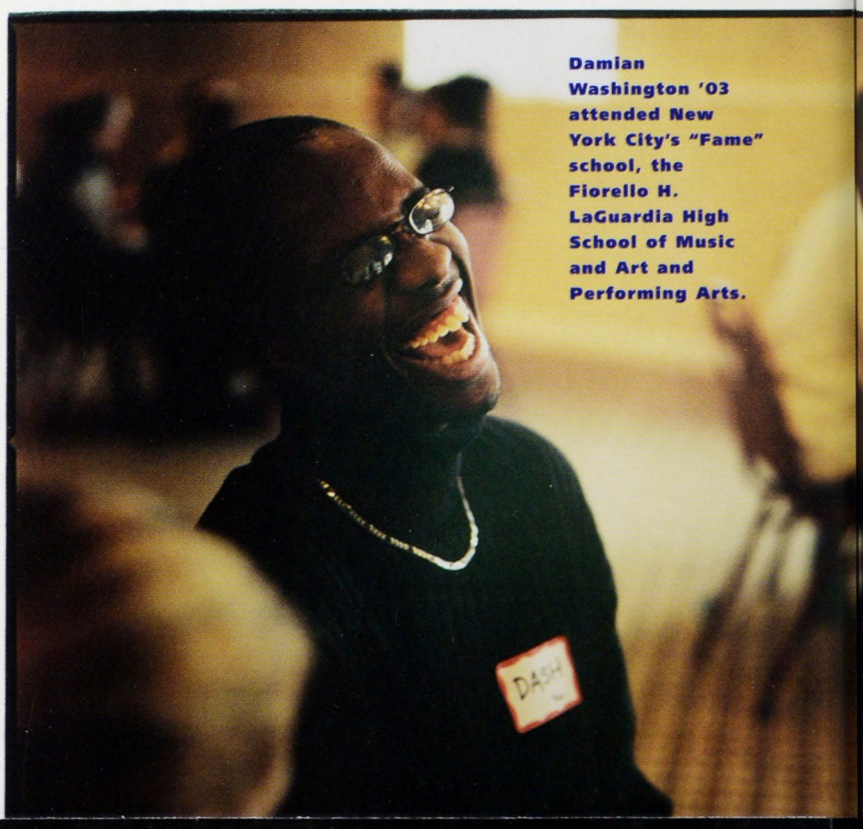
Athenia Fischer, a sophomore, is a good example. She is copresident of the student group Women of Color, a member of the Ross Commons Council and the College Activities Board, and treasurer of both the African American Alliance and the Pan-Caribbean Student Organization. Another sophomore in Posse 2, Melissa Camilo, comes from the Washington Heights neighborhood of Manhattan. She has three campus jobs and plays on the basketball team. Sara Yun, a junior who was born in South Korea, has led a Girl Scout troop in town, and belongs to a tap-dancing group on campus. She is a member of Posse 1. So is Adam Cohen, whose parents are from Cuba; he wrestles in the intramural club and belongs to a campus literary society.

These students and their fellow Posse scholars naturally have mixed feelings about the role they are expected to play on campus. Sometimes they welcome the challenge of educating others as well as themselves. Other times it feels overwhelming. When Melissa Camilo went out for the basketball team, she got the impression that the rest of the team expected her to be a good player because her skin is dark. She also sensed that minority students outside the team were proud of her because she was the only player of color. "I was on the bench most of the time, but I think they felt like they were represented," she says. Camilo quickly started to burn out from doing so much: the team, schoolwork, jobs. "But I couldn't quit. Everyone was looking to me to succeed," she says.

AFTER THE DESTRUCTION of the World Trade Center towers in September, the Posse Foundation posted a letter on its Web site, directed in part to the scholars studying at its partner colleges and universities. It read: "You can help make life better on your campuses by continuing to work hard, continuing to get good grades, and continuing to take on leadership roles in your communities. We have total faith in you."

This sense of responsibility is instilled in Posse scholars soon after they are selected for the program, usually in December of their senior year in high school. Starting in January and continuing through the summer, they attend weekly workshops that prepare them for the next four years. Study skills are part of the training, but the focus is mostly social: how to build teams, how to communicate across cultural boundaries, and how to make change happen on a college campus.

The Posse Foundation started in 1989, when Deborah Bial, then a youth counselor in New York City, had a conversation with a young man who'd dropped out of college. He told her that he



Damian Washington '03 attended New York City's "Fame" school, the Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Arts.

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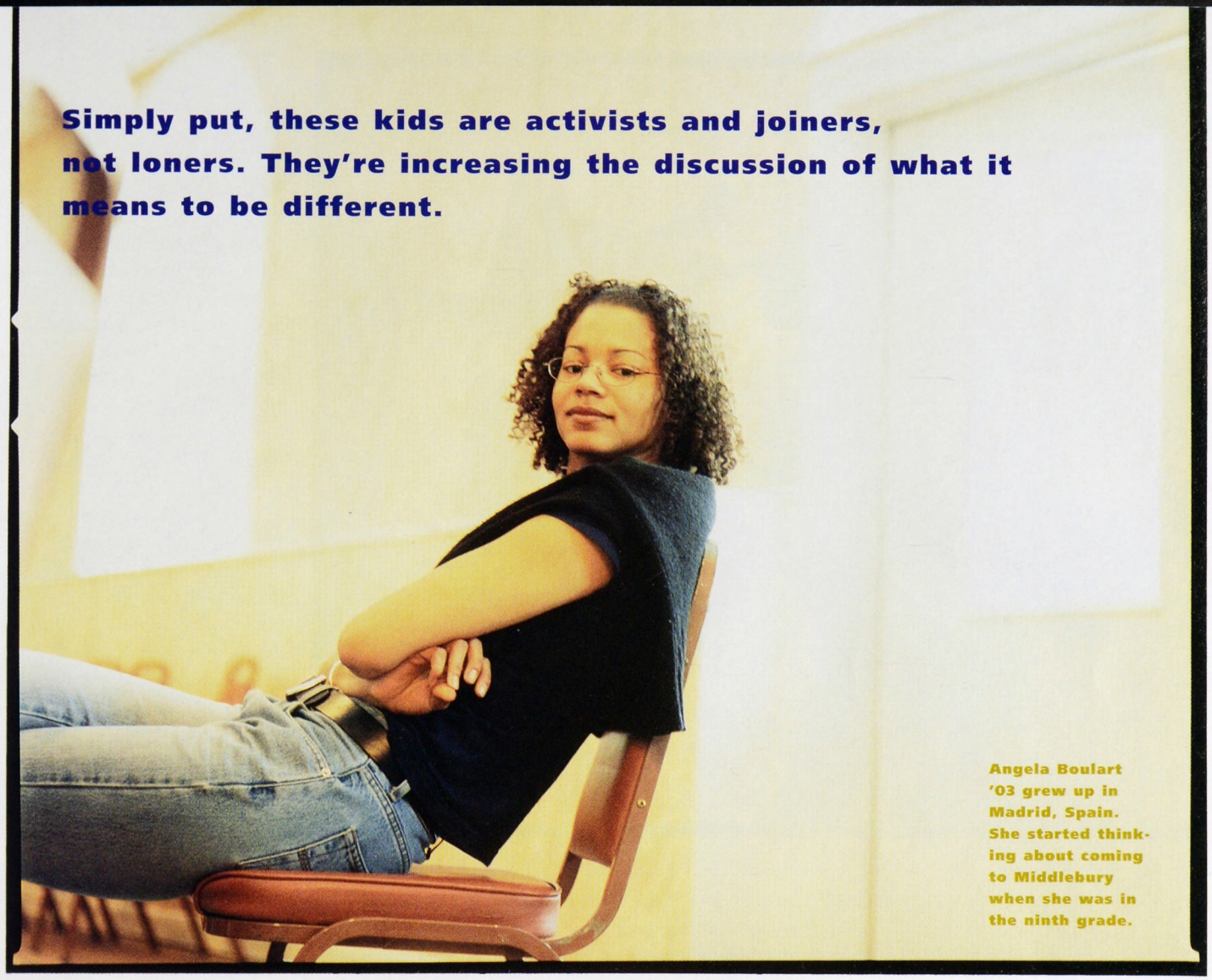


Angela Boulart '03 grew up in Madrid, Spain. She started thinking about coming to Middlebury when she was in the ninth grade.

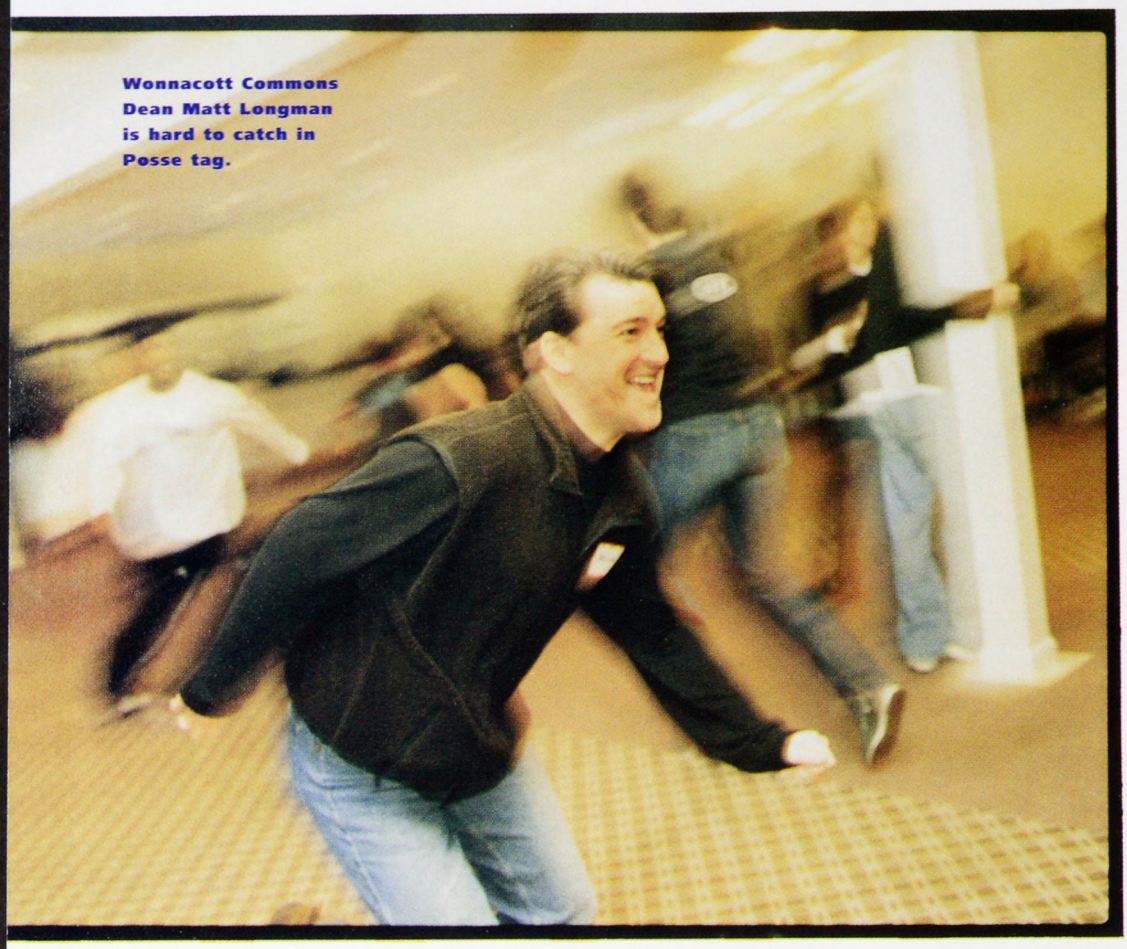
never would have left if he'd had his "posse" with him. That made sense to Bial. Who wouldn't benefit from having good friends around to back them up in the face of new challenges? The foundation started out by sending five students from New York to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Today Posse students come from Boston and Chicago as well as New York; there are nearly 300 of them studying at 14 colleges and universities, including Bowdoin, Brandeis, Hamilton, and Carleton.

Each fall hundreds of high school seniors, recommended by their schools or community organizations, show up for a Posse meeting in Manhattan. Through role-playing exercises, group discussions, and individual interviews, Posse staff members look for kids who might get overlooked in a traditional admissions process, yet who are bright and articulate, work well in a team, interact easily with different kinds of people, and have the drive to succeed. The partner colleges and universities, together with Posse, make the final selections.

Schoenfeld, who graduated from Middlebury in 1973, says the admissions office was somewhat resistant at first. "What we knew was the age-old test of class rank, grades, and test scores," he says. "Posse was saying, 'Here are some new criteria.'" When the College started reviewing Posse applications, "some looked qualified in the traditional way, and some, on the surface, looked considerably less qualified than the standards we were used to," Schoenfeld says. "It looked like there would be some risk involved."

Adam Cohen, a friendly, athletically built junior with a dazzling smile, admits that he had to "learn the art of doing schoolwork" when he got to Middlebury. At Midwood High School in Brooklyn, he had spent most of his time playing sports. Sara Yun attended the Townsend Harris High School in Queens, a public school that accepts only 10 percent of the students who apply. She played softball and tennis, was a member of the debate team, worked on the school newspaper, took a variety of dance lessons, and studied Korean on Saturdays. Athenia Fischer came from the Science Skills Center School in Brooklyn. She was an informal den mother to the younger teenage girls on her block, taking them to an amusement park in the summer and buying them stockings to wear to church. At 16 she worked the night shift at McDonald's.

If Middlebury took a risk with Posse, it was without question worth taking, Schoenfeld says. The College has been trying hard to attract more students of color while moving away from traditional affirmative-action policies. Posse, with its emphasis on teaching kids to reach out across racial, ethnic, and cultural lines, was a step in the right direction. "Diversity in the 1960s and 1970s meant affirmative action," says Schoenfeld. "The thinking was, there's a wrong that's been committed against blacks, and we need



Wonnacott Commons Dean Matt Longman is hard to catch in Posse tag.

to right that wrong. Then, in the 1980s, diversity and affirmative action were more about competition. We needed more black faces so our numbers looked good compared with other colleges. In the 1990s and today, diversity has moved beyond number counting and doing social good. It's now about excellence. We cannot reach our full potential as an institution without being diverse."

Despite Middlebury's commitment to increasing diversity, many of the Posse scholars had never heard of the College before they got involved with Posse. Melissa Camilo wanted to go to Yale. Adam Cohen figured he would end up at SUNY-Binghamton or Penn State with a lot of other kids from his high school. Sara Yun's father wanted her to go to Cornell or the University of Pennsylvania—schools with more Asian students like her.

Instead, the Posse scholars have had to adjust to a campus where there aren't a lot of students like them. It can be tough. Mike Schoenfeld recounts how one Posse scholar, a young woman, walked into the dining hall, looked around, and exclaimed, "Oh my God, I'm black!" There were some nonwhite students in the room, Schoenfeld points out, but she was feeling, for the first time, what it was like to be the minority in a majority culture.

There are cultural misunderstandings to deal with, too. Many of Camilo's classmates "just can't believe I got a good education at a public school in New York," she says. "They ask me, 'Were there gangs in your school? Did you have metal detectors?' " Sara Yun once attended a church service in town, and an older man came up to her afterward and asked if she was Korean. When she said yes, he announced that he had served in the Korean War. "What was I supposed to say?" she asks. "Was he expecting me to say thank you? I wasn't even born then."

This is where the Posse scholars' pre-college training and bonding pay off. They have the tools to depersonalize such encounters, but they can also turn to each other. Posse's cohesiveness is occasionally a source of resentment for minority students who come to Middlebury on their own. "At first I didn't think it was fair," says Rachael Wilson, a sophomore and a friend of Athenia Fischer. "They get a lot of support that other people don't get." Schoenfeld acknowledges that Posse has the potential to be something of a clique, but he hasn't heard any negative reactions to the program. He believes that people overwhelmingly view Posse as a sign that the College is serious about becoming more multicultural.

In between studying and hanging out with friends, the Posse scholars can't help but think about how they fit in at Middlebury. The College's nickname for its students, Middkids, conjures up images of light-skinned, athletic stereotypes, and it doesn't always feel inclusive. "I know it's not supposed to be one set person, but I think I fit fewer aspects of that description than others," Camilo says. "At home I'm the Middkid," adds Fischer. "At school, I'm not. Sometimes I feel like I don't really belong here."

Adam Cohen felt the same way when he arrived on campus, but he gradually came to appreciate the differences between himself and so many of his classmates. "If I'd gone to Penn State, there would have been so many people from New York City, and it would have been like high school. I'd be on the same wavelength with everyone, but I wouldn't learn much. Here people have different ways of living. You can look around, see what pieces you like, what pieces you don't like. You can choose how you want to be."

When I was a student at Middlebury in the mid-1980s, there were only a few students of color on campus. Some had only white friends; others stuck together. There was a lot of sticking together on campus, but not necessarily the good kind. Different kinds of people didn't mix much. Few of us took the chance of crossing over from one group to another.

The Middlebury College I remember is not the school it is today. It is, of course, still largely an institution of the white middle class, and students still naturally gravitate toward others like themselves. Yet there has been a perceptible shift in attitude.

There is no better illustration of this than the Posse Plus weekend retreat I attended in March 2001. Each of the Posse scholars had invited two or three acquaintances from campus—hence the "Plus." Along with a few Middlebury administrators and faculty

members and their old Posse trainers from New York, they assembled at an inn in Rutland to share personal histories and talk about how they do or do not fit in on campus. It looked unlike any Middlebury gathering I had ever seen. Black, white, Latino, Asian, Arab, gay, straight, friends, strangers, trendy, geeky—all together, smiling and talking.

On Sunday morning, as the retreat was coming to an end, Ilona Lewyckyj, a Posse trainer, asked everyone to sit in a big circle. She called the Posse scholars into the center of the room and instructed everyone else to close their eyes. She told the Posses: "Tap three people you trust." The students swiftly strode around the circle, resting their hands briefly on people's shoulders or heads. "Tap three people who are smart," Lewyckyj continued. Again, the students walked the circle. Then, a minute later, "Tap three people who are brave." The people in the circle sat very still, some with their heads bent. The only sound was Lewyckyj's voice and the swish of pants legs. For ten minutes, the list went on: "Tap three people you appreciate. Tap three people who changed your view. Tap three people you want to get to know better."

Everyone sitting in the circle was getting tapped at least once or twice. The effect was powerful, like someone telling you for the first time that he or she loves you. Benny, a scruffy, gentle-looking student, sat with his chin in his hands, his dimples deepening each time he felt a hand on his disheveled head. Mike Schoenfeld had tears streaming down his cheeks. Janine Clookey pulled the scarf from around her neck and blew her nose on it. When Lewyckyj told the people in the circle that they could open their eyes, they did it slowly, as if they didn't want the experience to end.

After I graduated from Middlebury in 1986, I began to think that my education had been missing something. I hadn't encountered a lot of people who were different from me. I hadn't learned much about reaching out to those who were. If I had to go to college again, I thought, I might choose a more diverse school.

After attending the Posse retreat, I changed my mind. When I mentioned this to Janine Clookey, she said she had experienced a similar change of heart. When she came to teach at Middlebury in 1984, she felt "uncomfortable in the institution." Part Native American, she'd grown up in a working-class family in Buffalo, New York, and spent a lot of time on a nearby reservation. She felt isolated when she started her career in academia. But lately, she says, she has "learned to adore Middlebury." Posse is part of the reason why. "Posse isn't window dressing," Clookey says. "It is a vision that is so real. It's about opening doors to each other, becoming culturally competent. It's not just a race thing, it's an everybody thing: I learn about you, and you learn about me."

Dean Michael Schoenfeld leaves a positive message for a retreat participant on the "warm fuzzies" board.

Peter Schmitz, visiting professor of dance and theatre, shares a hug with Najla Lyles '05 of New York City.

A MONTH OR SO AFTER THE RETREAT, the emotional intensity it generated is hard to detect on the surface of the campus. Mike Schoenfeld is back in his office, contemplating the big picture of Middlebury's evolving multiculturalism. "It's relative," he says. "We are way more diverse than ever before, but we still have a way to go." Meanwhile, the Posse scholars are just trying to get their papers written, study for exams, and pay off their book bills.

Underneath, though, powerful connections remain. While the scholars are individual students first—they don't all live together, take the same classes, or hang out together every weekend—Posse is a source of strength when they need it. "At the end of the day, you've got each other," explains Camilo.

That is a good thing to have when you are 20 years old and trying to find your way in a strange, new world without severing ties to your old one. Posse scholars work hard to appreciate both. Melissa Camilo had a tough time adjusting to the quiet of Middlebury after the noisy hustle-bustle of Washington Heights, so now she studies in the Grille, the campus eatery that rings with music and laughter. "I can't concentrate without something in the background," she says. On the other hand, Middlebury offers at least one thing that Washington Heights doesn't. "I love stars," Camilo explains. "But at home all I can see in the sky are the lights from buildings. Here, if I want to see stars, all I have to do is look."

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In Taliban Afghanistan

A photographer's journey through a harsh and beautiful land

Darulaman Palace Ruins
This palace in Kabul was part of a gracious capital complex built by King Amanullah to celebrate his country's independence from British India in 1921. The king did much to modernize his country, but he was overthrown in 1929, and now his palace is in ruins.

Photographs by Luke Powell

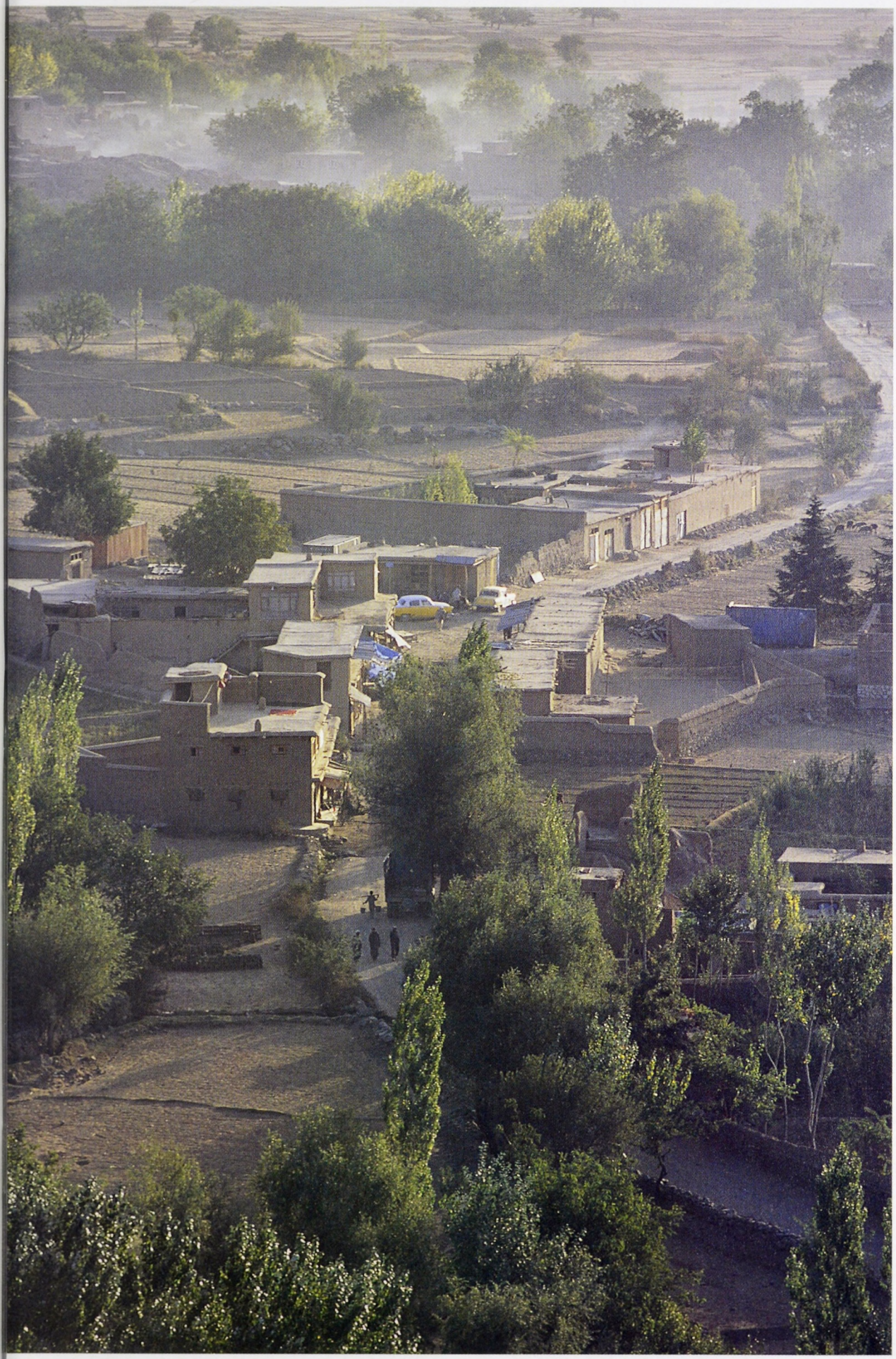
In the fall of 2000, Vermont photographer Luke Powell went to Afghanistan to document mine-clearing operations taking place under the supervision of the United Nations. The Taliban granted him a visa, assigned an "adviser" to accompany him, and from August through October, he visited minefields throughout the southern part of the country. In November he went into the area controlled by the Northern Alliance, where he visited schools and camps for displaced persons in Badakshan and the Panjsheer Valley.

This was not Powell's first experience in Afghanistan. He had spent a considerable amount of time there in the 1970s, taking photographs for a collection he called *The Afghan Folio*. In that collection, he tried very hard to represent the country and the culture in a respectful way, showing Afghanistan as its own people would want it to be seen. It was because of this work that the Taliban allowed him to return.

Traveling with international aid organizations enabled Powell to go to places that he never could have reached on his own. Some of the villages he visited had not seen a Westerner for more than 20 years. He was always conscious of the danger posed by stray Taliban soldiers, who might not take the time to find out that he had permission to take photographs. "As I have gotten older, I have become better at this sort of thing. I work faster; I have experience shooting in Egyptian villages and Palestinian refugee camps behind me; and the white in my beard also helps," he observes.

Whenever Powell visited a new village or minefield, the lame and the sick of all kinds were brought to see him. "I would tell them, 'I'm terribly sorry, but I am not a doctor,'" he says. "I was never more aware that I do not have the gift of healing, unless I touch enough people with my pictures and this inspires them to take action to make things better."

Luke Powell lives in Middlebury and has lectured at Middlebury College. His photographs have frequently appeared in this magazine. He is currently working with the United Nations Information Center in Afghanistan. You can view more of his work on the Internet at www.lukepowell.com.



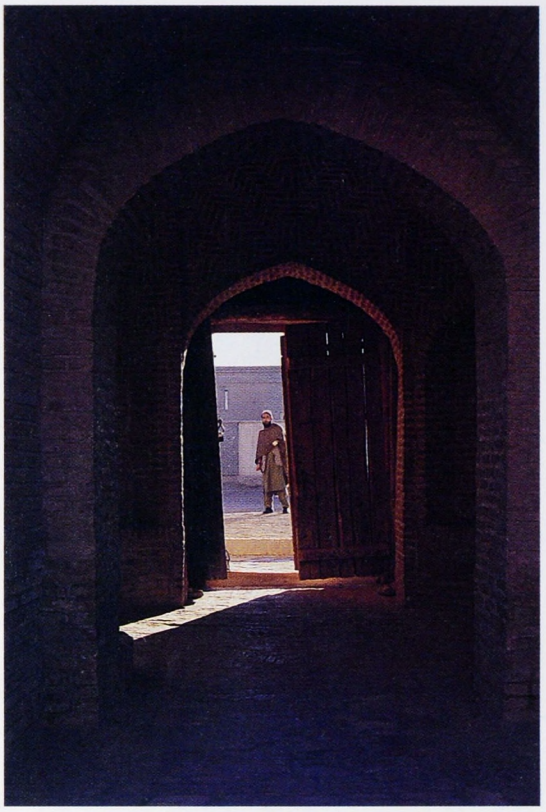
PASHI VILLAGE STREET
In the ancient Near East and in Asia, where urban civilization began, there were always wild tribes from the desert or mountains waiting to swoop down and sack any settlement that had grown too weak to defend itself. Consequently, in Afghanistan, which has seen destruction countless times, houses are often built like small forts.

SUROBAY LAKE
This lake lies along the road between Jalalabad and Kabul, not far from the border with Pakistan. Most of Afghanistan is rugged and dry. Atlases list the land area as 647,500 sq. km. (slightly smaller than Texas) and the water area as 0 sq. km. Only 12 percent of the land is arable, and only 3 percent is forested.

LITTLE GIRL, OLD MEN
When the photographer arrived in Khalawak with a team of deminers, at least a hundred people came out to the highway to greet them. Many were either amputees, very old, or small children. Concerned about having all these people clustered along the highway, Powell suggested moving into the village. No one responded, so he just started walking in that direction by himself, and soon the whole crowd followed. "We reached an open area, well beyond the highway," he recalls. "I stopped, and some of the deminers arrived with village leaders, but still things were chaotic and people were a little tense. Then I sat down, and slowly everyone else did the same."

TRUCKS NEAR "EID GAH MOSQUE"
Powell's work with the demining team began in Kabul in the fall of 2000. Knowing that the Taliban was especially strict in that city, he was careful to shoot only subjects related to the demining operation. He usually had to shoot in a hurry, because the men with him were worried about the Taliban. The mosque behind the men and their trucks is across the street from the soccer stadium that the Taliban used for public executions.

LANDMINE VICTIM, MISSING HAND
Powell was photographing a group of mine victims, all men and boys, near a cemetery in Kabul Province. "We were surrounded by dozens of their friends and brothers and curious passersby," he remembers. "I stepped away from the group as I finished, to change film and to get out of the spotlight. Groups of women in burka and little girls had been passing by at a distance. Suddenly I noticed a woman who was intentionally coming toward me—not something that happened very often. She showed me the stump of her arm, and I realized that this courageous woman was also the victim of a mine."



MY TALIBAN ADVISER

"I had a Taliban adviser with me for two months. We understood each other's situation, enjoyed each other's company, and were careful to work within limits," Powell says. This photo was taken at an austere Timurid mosque in a village called Ziratgah, located in the desert south of Herat. The Timurids are descendants of the fifteenth-century Mongol leader Timur Lenk, known in the West as Tamerlane. They built many of the great architectural monuments of Central Asia.

IDP CAMP, HERAT

Powell was actually standing in a roped-off minefield when he took this photograph of a large IDP (internally displaced persons) camp in Herat in western Afghanistan. The minarets and a small mausoleum in the background are all that remain of what was once one of the most imposing architectural complexes in Asia. It was blown up by the British in 1885 so it would not interfere with the defense of the city in the event of a Russian invasion of India.

KITES AT HERAT
"Before coming to Afghanistan, I had read that among the many things banned by the Taliban was the flying of kites. But on my first afternoon at Herat in October of 2000, I opened my window and counted 14 kites visible at that moment in one direction," Powell says. When the British destroyed the monuments of Herat, nine great minarets were left standing. Three have since fallen in earthquakes, and one was all but destroyed in recent fighting.

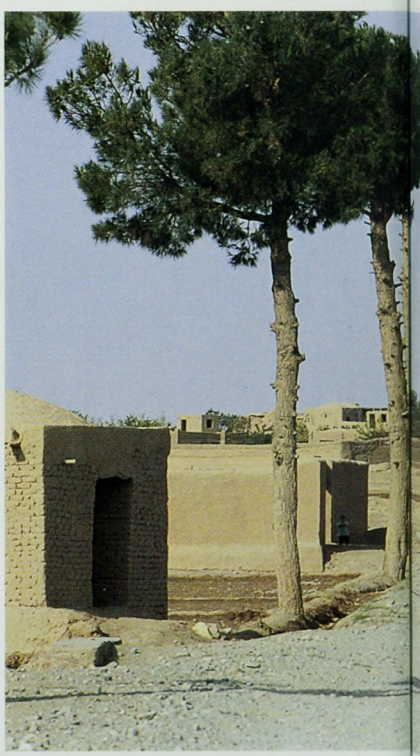
MOHAMMED AKBAR AND ABDUL MOHAMMED
These two mine victims live in a village in Kabul Province. "For every amputee one sees in Afghanistan, there was at least one other mine victim who died before reaching the hospital," Powell says.

SUNRISE AT KANDAHAR MINEFIELD

Kandahar was the home-base of the Taliban. Powell took photographs in and around the airport there and visited minefields on hilltops overlooking the town. "An orderly scatter of white-painted stones indicates that the area was a minefield that has now been cleared," he explains. "Afghanistan is so poor that any signs that are put up will soon be hauled away for their materials."

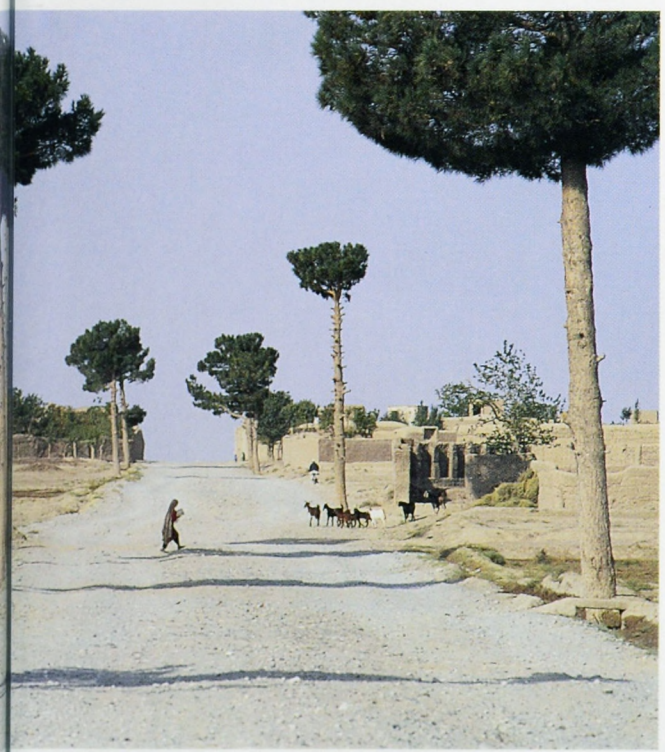
HERAT SUBURBS

"What I missed most, what has sadly changed in Afghanistan, is the number of animals that one sees day to day," Powell says. "In the past there were camel trains marching through the boulevards and donkeys braying in the distance. Canaries and finches sang in small cages in hotel hallways, quail in dome-like wicker cages were carried by silk-robed men and little boys to barren hilltops at dawn, a pet pelican might live in the garden, and sheep were everywhere."



AFTERNOON AT CHAR BAGH
Herat is on a wide, gently rolling plain with distant mountains all around. "It is particularly breathtaking when seen from the distance, because the skyline is defined by the Friday Mosque, the Citadel, the minarets, and several other dramatic and historic features," Powell explains. These rise above a large expanse of low mud-brick buildings that look golden in the late afternoon sun. The entire valley is an oasis in the desert of Khorassan.

BOY WITH HENNA
This young man was simply walking in a park in the town of Kirkot, Paktra Province, waiting for henna to stain his hair and hands. While Powell had to be careful about taking portraits, especially of women, boys were a safer subject.



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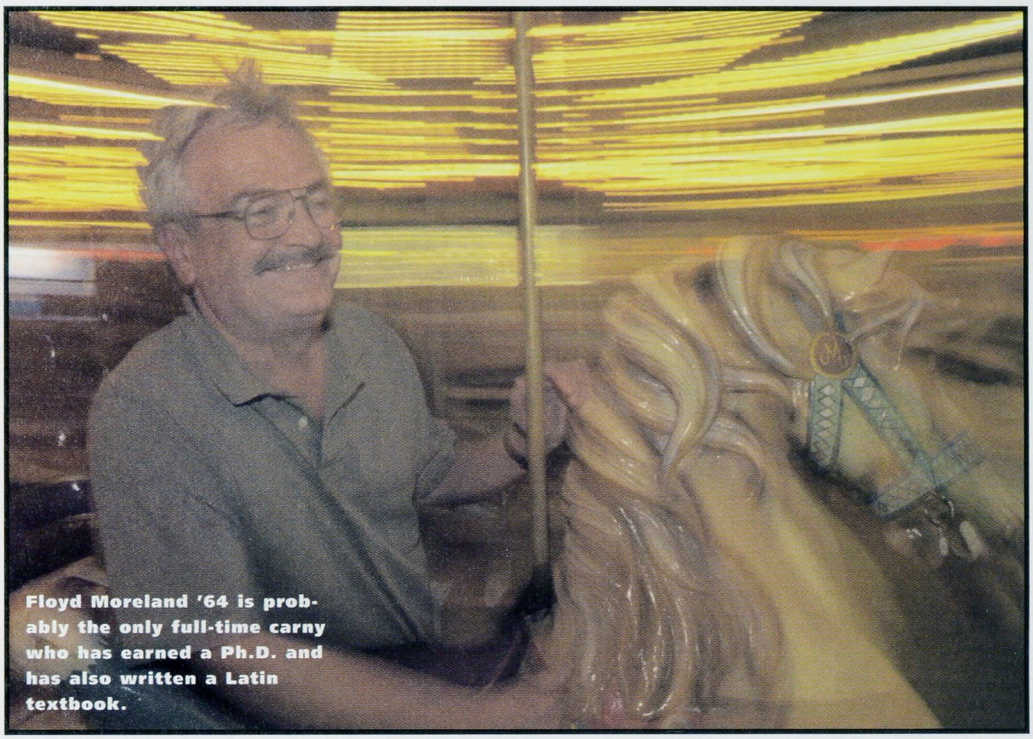

Floyd Moreland '64 is probably the only full-time carny who has earned a Ph.D. and has also written a Latin textbook.

What Goes Around Comes Around

FLOYD MORELAND '64 has always loved playing the ponies (and a couple of camels, a lion, a tiger, and a donkey). They helped to pay for his college education and, as a retired classics professor, he remains devoted to them. The ponies are among the 58 hand-carved wooden animals that make up the carousel on Casino Pier in Seaside Heights, New Jersey.

As a boy, Moreland rode the carousel on summer vacations. Later, he took a summer job running the carousel. "I ran the carousel 16 hours a day, 7 days a week. I had a scholarship to Middlebury, and the $1.25 per hour in summer paid the bills. My dad passed away just prior to my high school graduation, so this was the only way I could go to college," he says.

When he heard in 1983 that the carousel was to be sold, Moreland went to see it one last time. The sale fell through, and Moreland convinced the owners to let him refurbish the aging ride. The owners agreed, and with the help of friends, the carousel was restored. In 1986 it was named in Moreland's honor, the Floyd L. Moreland Historic Carousel. He continues to this day as its curator and manager, overseeing its operation and the ongoing restoration.

One Big Party

TO ACHIEVE HER DREAM of making space a part of everyday life, **MILA PAVEK '92** (M.A. RUSSIAN '93) helped organize the world's largest cosmic soirée—Yuri's Night: The World Space Party—attended by more than 10,000 people in 40 countries and 90 cities.

The party, the second in what organizers hope will become an annual global celebration, was held on April 12. It marked the 41st anniversary of the first manned space flight by Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin.

> Yuri Gagarin was the first human to see Earth from space and to realize its fragile beauty.

Yuri's Night, just like the world Yuri observed from space, was without political boundaries. From Algeria to Vietnam, from Australia to Mexico, revelers partied together, using Internet broadcasts. They held private dinners and public bashes. Pavek estimated that the "flagship" event at the Museum of Flying in Santa Monica, California, brought in about 2,500 people, some wearing space suits and themed costumes. The entertainment included headliner DJs and high-tech space gizmos. Each location put its own spin on the party: some held symposiums, others drank Russian vodka and fired up the barbecue, but all toasted Yuri at midnight.

"It's a movement to celebrate space," Pavek commented. "It's also the world's best geek party."

PHOTOGRAPH BY ANDREW MILLS/THE STAR-LEDGER

MORE MEDALS FOR CHRIS WADDELL

CHRIS WADDELL '91 went home from the 2002 Paralympics at Salt Lake City in March with three new medals to add to an already impressive collection. He took a silver medal in the monoski downhill event, a bronze in the giant slalom, and another bronze in the slalom. Waddell, who was paralyzed below the waist in a skiing accident that occurred while he was a Middlebury student, is now a 12-time Paralympic medal winner. He won two silvers in 1992, four golds in 1994, and a gold and two silvers in 1998. He has also won three world championship gold medals and a host of other honors for competition in both skiing and wheelchair racing.

KEEPING GOOD COMPANY

REUBEN MARK '60, CEO of Colgate-Palmolive Co., was named one of the top 25 managers of the year by *BusinessWeek* magazine. "Total return to shareholders of 3,363 percent during his 17-year tenure is more than triple that of the S&P 500." Also included in the list were Richard Fuld, Jr., CEO of Lehman Brothers and parent of CHRISTINE FULD '03; and L. Dennis Kozlowski, CEO of Tyco International Ltd., Middlebury College trustee, and father of two recent Midd grads, CHERYL KOZLOWSKI '96 and SANDRA KOZLOWSKI '99.

WHERE RELIGION AND SCIENCE MEET

The Metanexus Institute on Religion and Science, created by DR. WILLIAM (BILLY) GRASSIE '79, has received a $3 million grant from Sir John Templeton and the John Templeton Foundation to promote a continuing dialogue between scientists and theologians. Based in downtown Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Metanexus was founded in 1998 to study issues that overlap the borders of science and religion—issues raised by genetic research, cloning, biosciences, and computer technologies, for example. The institute has created an online magazine and discussion forum (www.metanexus.net), with more than 5,000 regular subscribers in 57 countries, and it sponsors research, lectures, and conferences to encourage constructive engagement of science and religion throughout the world.

GREENS KEEPER

ADRIAN BENEPE '78 is the new commissioner of New York City's Parks and Recreation Department. In announcing Benepe's appointment in January, Mayor Michael Bloomberg observed, "Adrian is completely devoted to parks and has worked his way up the ranks, excelling at each opportunity." In fact, Benepe's first job with the Parks and Recreation Department was as a pushcart vendor in Central Park in 1976. After graduating from Middlebury, he became an urban parks ranger and then held a number of positions with the parks department, the New York Botanical Garden, and the Municipal Art Society. Now, as parks commissioner, he oversees 28,312 acres of parkland throughout the five boroughs, including all parks, stadiums, beaches, pools, playgrounds, and recreation facilities.

HOMETOWN HEROINE

The story line goes like this: A young woman from northeastern China wins a full scholarship to Middlebury College, signs up for extra classes every semester, studies Japanese during the summer, and spends the first half of her junior year in Japan. She graduates with a double major in economics and computer science and then lands a job with one of the most prestigious investment firms on Wall Street.

That's the story of LEI CHEN '00, who now lives in New York City and works as a financial analyst in the Japanese equities division of Goldman Sachs. It's told in a book that she wrote in Chinese and published last year with a title that she translates as *The Chinese Girl Makes It to Wall Street*. Her purpose in writing the book, Chen says, was simply to share her views of life in the United States with the people back home in Harbin, China, keeping the account as straightforward and honest and true as she could. The people of China are extremely curious about America, she explains, and her book gives them a rare view of everyday life in this country.

In the first six months after its publication, the book sold more than 80,000 copies in Harbin alone. Chen isn't sure what sales in other parts of the country have amounted to, but she says it definitely qualifies as a best-seller. Its surprising success has inspired her to write a sequel, sharing her impressions of Wall Street with the folks back home.

Meet the Press Secretary

Alumni returning to campus for reunion this spring will have an opportunity many journalists would relish. They will be able to hear and question White House Press Secretary Ari Fleisher '82, who will be attending his 20th reunion. On Saturday morning, June 1, he will speak to a reunion audience and then open the floor for comments and questions. For any alum who has ever wanted to take Sam Donaldson's place long enough to ask just one question, this is an opportunity not to be missed.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JOHN WEILAND

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Marion Janes McIntosh celebrated her 101st birthday on December 23, 2001, at home in Worcester, MA. She enjoys keeping up with correspondence and wrote Christmas cards in December. She is a great reader, especially enjoying biographies and keeping up with the newspapers. She recalls that she "spent four of her happiest years at Middlebury College."

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742 (phone 978/369-5595).*

Dear 1928 classmates: With the death of **Margaret "Tib" Moody Rice** on December 9, 2001, we lost the youngest and very special member of our class. Special because her father, our "Prexy" Paul Dwight Moody, became president of Middlebury College in 1922. Since Tib graduated from both Middlebury High School and Middlebury College, she had great respect and interest in both. Living off campus, she chose class activities carefully, with a preference for English Club and dramatics. As a student, English and literature were her favorite fields, and she was an avid reader all her life. Her quiet friendliness, intelligence, and lack of pretension convinced us that she would have a wonderful life and she did. She married Charles M. Rice in 1931, and his career as an educator took him from private school headmaster to president of Athens College in Greece. In retirement, they moved to Carleton Willard Village in Bedford, MA, where Tib continued to live after his death. These years were wonderful for me, because we could share news and memories of Middlebury by telephone and notes. She managed health restrictions gracefully, enjoyed her home, and continued to read widely. Friends may contribute to the Charles and Margaret Rice Carleton Willard Village Memorial Library Fund (100 Old Billerica Rd., Bedford, MA 01730). We express our pride in her and our sympathy to her daughter, Mary Rice Stout, and her son, David, who was so helpful with our Moody area honoring Prexy at Midd. ...I wish all of you could see the photo of **Elizabeth Stoughton Westfall** and her daughter, Barbara, on the deck of the *Pittsburgh Gateway Clipper* paddlewheel boat, taken two weeks after her 94th birthday. It was an outing arranged by the Franciscan Manor, where she lives in Beaver Falls, PA. She enjoys Beaver Valley community concerts, events at the country club, and many activities with her daughter. Her 10th great-grandchild was born in June 2001. ✷ **Elizabeth Hayes Balch**'s grandson, manager of the Kenoi National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, finally persuaded her to fly east. She and her granddaughter visited relatives in Pennsylvania and then toured by car to Niagara Falls and Rochester, NY, to visit a niece. They then drove to Castleton, VT, to share Midd memories with another niece, Pamela Hayes Rehlen '65, who introduced her to Middlebury friends of Pam's era. Elizabeth was safely back home in Rogue River, OR, for her 94th birthday. ✷ It was a 95th birthday for **Dorothy Kirk Simpson** on November 15, with family members flying in to enjoy the celebratory dinner hosted by her daughter, Barbara Gold. She writes: "Nobody believes I am 95, which means that I am still looking pretty good." Now living in the Presbyterian Home, a skilled-care facility near her daughter's home, she is busy participating in many activities. Letters to Dorothy may be sent to her in care of Barbara Gold, 8 Prospect St., Utica, NY 13501. ✷ Jean Blanchette St. Clair '64, daughter of **Nap Blanchette**, is acting as class agent for her class as he did for ours. Jean announces a first grandchild and wishes us to know that Nap's grandchildren, about whom he used to boast, are now a dentist, a Ph.D. in bio-organic chemistry, and a veterinarian. ✷ **Zella Cole Hibbert** writes that she is "fine and dandy" at Essex Meadows. She writes: "My nine grandchildren are scattered all over the globe, but come to visit when they can, with my 10 great-grandchildren in tow." Breck '60 and Sue Hibbert Lardner '60, living nearby in Essex, CT, also send greetings. ✷ Thanks so much for the family letters. Mimi

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I have given up the space in downtown Chestertown, where I have been doing my professional work, and have consolidated into my Heron Point apartment. Not easy to do after many years of maintaining an office away from home! ✷ We regret to report the death of **Helen Walter Bosworth** on October 28. The condolences of the class go to her daughter, Sarah Tiberi, and all the family.

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Class Secretary: *Mr. E. Parker Calvert, (calverte@aol.com) 6251 Old Dominion Dr., #225, McLean, VA 22101.*

Although the turnout for our class reunion last June was numerically disappointing, the reunion did prompt more correspondence, for which your secretary is always grateful. ✷ **Walton Crocker**'s widow, Elsa, herself a virtual classmate, wrote glowingly of her trip to Alaska with daughter Eloise. Elsa agrees, I think, with the late **Ken MacClelland**'s statement that "you have to say Alaska is different." ✷ **Prudence Ingham Montgomery** wrote, wishing for a more peaceful world and hoping our generation had not lost all optimism for the future. ✷ **Mary Stolte Toomey** has been cleaning out that shelf of memorabilia she vowed to get at one day. She returned your secretary's 1935 wedding announcement. ✷ From Harvard, MA, **Ruth Atwood Muller** wrote a nostalgic note contrasting the extraordinary difference between the campus of our time and its appearance today, with all the changes. Oh, well! As **Betty Pease Felt** reminds us: "After all, we are all over 90—plus!"

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Edward W. Weeks (Mary Duryee), P.O. Box 151, Ashburnham, MA 01430.*

Mary Omwake Dearborn moved into Trinity Oaks retirement home in Salisbury, NC, last fall. She visited her daughter and husband, Katherine and John Heckscher, in Massachusetts during the fall. I enjoyed lunch with all three of them in November. ✷ My son, Dr. Stephen H. Weeks '71 and his wife visited me during the holidays. Stephen teaches theatre arts at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, OR. ✷ Evelyn Remick Russell '31 now resides in La Chance Retirement Home in Gardner, MA. ✷ Word has been received of the August 26 death of **Hewitt Page**. We send the sympathy of the class to his family. The Hewitt Page Scholarship Fund was established at Middlebury in 1964. ✷ Condolences are also extended to the family of **Marguerite Hunold Ross**, who died on October 23.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Orde), Valley Terr. Apt. 215, Norwich, VT 05055; and James A. Fechheimer (gheadjim@aol.com), 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.*

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Class Secretary: *Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

Charles Kuster now lives in Leadville, CO, the highest city in the U.S. After a long hospital stay, he regained the energy to represent our generation and march in the Boom Days Parade with the

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V.F.W. ✷ Our thanks to Kathleen Kavanaugh, who wrote to inform us of the death of her mother, **Ruth Stetson Kavanaugh**, November 17: "As you know from experience, my mother was not a great letter writer, but she did *love* Middlebury. I grew up hearing many tales of the wonderful times she spent there. She was so fond of her many classmates and had been planning ahead to attend her 70th class reunion in 2005. She remained active playing bridge, and she was seldom without a book in her hand. Although hindered by glaucoma, she was still able to get around and was proud that she could manage her three-story house—and even more proud of her young legs! All that skiing, dancing, walking, paid off!"

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. Angus M. Brooks, 8 Winter Meadow, Barre, VT 05641; Mrs. Margaret Leach Harris, 516 W. River Rd., Lincoln, VT 05443; and Miss Louise E. Hutchinson, 149 East Side Dr., #351, Concord, NH 03301.*

Secretary Brooks reports: I am midway through reading two books about our Revolutionary War: *John Adams*, by David McCullough, and *Gamaliel Painter*, by W. Storrs Lee '28. Both had wives named Abigail, who must have endured hard times during those difficult years. Reading of Adams and Painter, by chance at the same time, one feels both gratitude and humility. As President McCardell writes in the introduction to *Gamaliel Painter*, "He had a major role in creating a town and a college. Without his efforts, neither would have come of age." ✷ **Dick Chase** reported a good recovery following a laminectomy in September. He is one of the most youthful among the men in our Class of '36. We hope he can continue to enjoy skiing and golf. He and Anne are moving from their home of many decades in Westmoreland. He has now completed his long term as class agent for men, as has **Mary Williams Brackett**. Dick and Mary have been a good team, following the success of **Fran Wilkinson Russ** and the late **George Deming** after our 50th Reunion. **Dick Hubbard** has become the new class agent for men. **Louise Hubbard McCoy** has left her secretarial work for our class, as she had to take on the move from her home of many years in Rutland to be near her son. Thanks, Louise, very much. Thanks also to **Maggie Leach Harris** and **Louise Hutchinson** for taking her place. ✷ We regret to report the loss of two of our classmates, **Frank S. Boyce** and **Jean Barton Cotton**, both on October 6. The condolences of the class are extended to their families. Memorials appeared in the winter issue. ✷ **Martin Tierney** reports that he and wife Karline spent three weeks in China in April and May '01: "It was a very informative trip. China is here to stay. Shanghai, a city of 13 million has 3,000 skyscrapers over 20 stories high. We saw both ends of the Great Wall, the western end in the Gobi desert and the eastern one in Beijing. We went 2,000 miles into the Gobi Desert."

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

Secretary Hopkins reports: My terrific cosecretary has been at home recovering from heart valve replacement surgery. Knowing Marsh as we do, he has had a very positive attitude and hopes to see us in Middlebury for our reunion, May 31 to June 2. ✷ Rudy and **Jean Wilcox Day** are still wintering in Florida, where they are entering the computer world with gusto! All seems well with them and their busy children and grandchildren. ✷ After 27 years in Florida, **Juno Jones Corbett** has moved north, where she enjoys being closer to her family. Her new address is 330 Bella Vista Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850. ✷ **Caroline Elliott Dorst** is now in a nursing home near her daughter, where she would love to get letters from Midd friends in care of Larochelle, 151 Water St., Boscawen, NH 03303. ✷ **Frank W. Guild Jr.** also has a new address: 138 Three Mile Bridge, Middlesex, VT 05602. He is living with daughter Nancy and her husband and three children. Now 89, Frank retired at age 80. He worked his early years on the family farm, middle years as an insurance agent, and later years as a taxi driver. He still enjoys going to sporting events involving his grandchildren. ✷ **Charles Harvi** writes that he and Dorothy are both "still going strong." Their new home is finally finished and son John and wife have produced the "world's most beautiful granddaughter." ✷ **Ruth Furness Lombardy** doesn't drive any more and has some trouble walking due to severe arthritis, but she gets to church, goes to senior citizens center to play bridge, and is involved in events at the Somerville Civic League. She feels blessed that son Steven lives with her; her other son, Ned '62, and his family also spend a lot of time with her. ✷ **Elizabeth Vanartsdalen MacArthur**, who is still enjoying good health, tries to keep active and useful. However, sometimes she wishes she were living in the "horse and buggy" age, instead of living in this computerized and automated world. ✷ **Rita Cosenza Moore** and William are happily living in their retirement condo. They had a wonderful holiday with 14 family members—at different times. Rita enjoyed two cruises last year and their annual week in New Hampshire with all the family. ✷ **Mary Lance Osborn** and Gordon are enjoying their apartment in Herrin, IL. They are far enough south to miss some of the winter cold and are also near both their sons, who have been a great help. ✷ **Marion Wishart Packard** has hopes of attending our reunion, and her sons have offered to take her. She feels so grateful to have good health, "for her age." Marion is hoping that **Doris Ryan Pitcher** will also be able to come for reunion. ✷ **Grayce Cookson Pierpont** lives in the house next door to her son. Healthwise she has no complaints, except for admitting she does move about at a slower rate. She is also hoping to be able to make reunion. ✷ We regret to report the recent deaths of two of our classmates: **Laurence Shields** on October 6 and **Clifford Laws** on October 27. We send the condolences of the class to both their families. Clifford's daughter, Martha Laws Anderson, is a member of the Class of 1970. ✷ **Trudy (Charlotte) Colburn Shea** sounds very happy to be living in Sarasota, FL. She and Hartley love the climate, flowers, activities, and just about everything. Hartley is involved in gardening and arranged a great display of red and white poinsettias in front of the house for Christmas. He is also very proud of the roses he has produced. Healthwise, both seem to be trying to keep well and active. Trudy has been diagnosed with macular degeneration, making it necessary to make some adjustments. They now have a caregiver/companion five days a week to help with driving, cleaning, and so forth. On the advice of their doctors, they are not planning a summer trip to Vermont, and they are sorry to miss the lovely mountains and scenery. ✷ This has been a difficult newsletter for me to get together, but with the help of my family and friends—in typing, writing, and generally organizing—I'm glad to say we all made it. It is becoming increasingly difficult for me to see, to write, and to function in general. So what's new for most of us? I will think of you during reunion, but since I can't travel alone anymore, I will probably have to miss coming. It has been great fun for me to be one of your class secretaries and thank you so much for all of your help!

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

In mid-December, the Middlebury alumnae-alumni at Wake Robin hosted a luncheon for President McCardell, his wife Bonnie, Anne Einsiedler Crumb '71, Hugh Marlow '57, and Brian Sagrestano from the College. Among the 25 people who enjoyed the festivities were Wake Robin resident Mae Brown, widow of Prof. Richard Brown, and several parents of Middlebury students (both past and present). Residents attending from our class included **Eleanor Barnum Gardner**, **Art Gilbert**, and me. Conversation was lively during lunch and answers to topical questions were provided by College representatives at each table. President McCardell spoke very informatively about Middlebury's new library (ground-breaking this spring) and presented us with handsome brochures about this new facility. Also, much to our delight, we were each given a copy of the 2001 edition of *Gamaliel Painter*, the biography by W. Storrs Lee '27 with an introduction by President McCardell. ✷ **Winifred Duffield Taylor** enjoys her apartment in Concord, NH, where she is within walking distance of the post office, bank, and stores. Last year she visited daughters in Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington. Another daughter (the mother of her three grandchildren) lives in Massachusetts, about an hour and a half drive from Winnie. Fortunately they are able to visit one another fairly frequently. ✷ I received much pleasure in a conversation with **Jack Cridland**. His enthusiasm for life is a joy. It was a delight to hear him say, "I have a wonderful family." He and his wife have two sons, two daughters, three granddaughters, and one grandson, who was home on Christmas leave from submarine duty. Jack continues to enjoy the outdoors and was heading off the next day for some alpine skiing. Jack's career included active duty in the Navy, work with the Department of Defense, and 14 years as a teacher of English and social studies. One of their recent joys has been traveling around to follow a granddaughter as she competes in cross-country ski races. ✷ **Marjory Arnold Cady** continues to paint, doing mostly pastels plus a few oils. A regular contributor at the Chaffee Gallery in Rutland, she was preparing for a March show of recent works at Tully and Marie's restau-

rant (formerly Woody's) in Middlebury. She also meets with her writing class once a week. Since acquiring a pacemaker in May 2001, her energy and well-being have greatly improved. During our phone conversation we enjoyed reminiscing about some of our memories of Eddy House freshman year. ✷ **Jane Abbott Barry** broke her ankle in May 2001. When I spoke with her in early December, she was at last walking normally and looking forward to the holidays. ✷ **Alice Bassett Brown** and her husband continue to live in their home in Buffalo. Alice says it is really too large for them and someday they may downsize and move to a smaller house. One of their daughters lives in California; the other daughter and their son live in the Buffalo area. They have 10 grandchildren. Alice has been enjoying YWCA-sponsored trips, including one to the Philadelphia area, where she visited Longwood Gardens and the DuPont Home. She and her husband were looking forward to the holidays with family members. ✷ **Eleanor Carroll Mullis** continues to be a very active parishioner of Grace Episcopal Church in Monroe, NY, where she served as senior warden for about 20 years. She is a lay eucharistic minister and a lay reader, qualified to lead Morning Prayer service, which she does frequently. Eleanor is also a member of the Colonial Dames and is active at the Monroe Senior Center, where she plays bridge and exercises. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Arthur Wheeler** on September 7 and of **Ruth Sheldon Pratt** on October 1. The condolences of the class are extended to both their families.

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Class Secretaries: *Ms. Jeanette Olson Gould (jogvt@aol.com), P.O. Box 543, Quechee, VT 05059; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

Secretary Gould reports: Continuing our report on our 62nd Reunion last fall, the College treated us royally and we thank all involved from the bottom of our hearts. The festivities began Friday evening in the Blue Room at Bread Loaf with a social hour followed by dinner. We had a fine time reuning and chatting. (See winter column for list of those attending.) Friday night the College transported us to Mead Chapel for a jamboree by four of the a cappella student groups. The harmonics and arrangements were wonderful, and the physical looks—from a boy with pink hair to a girl with a navel jewel that sparkled with every wiggle—certainly caught our attention. There were many similar attempts at revolt or self-expression that would never have occurred to us in the decorous decade of the '30s. It was all great fun and we hated to have it end. A sumptuous breakfast buffet was served at Bread Loaf each morning we were there. On Saturday morning, the Homecoming Convocation was held in Mead Chapel. Emeritus Prof. of Music and College Organist Emory Fanning was the organist and pianist for the weekend. A barbecue lunch followed, and we sought escape from the cold in Proctor dining room. The afternoon offered many choices—football, soccer, and volleyball games, lectures, and a movie. Ruth and I enjoyed the American Art Exhibit on loan from the Smithsonian. On Saturday night we were again transported by the College from Bread Loaf to the campaign completion dinner and dance at Kenyon Lobby and Fletcher Field House. The music was LOUD but just what the young folks loved. All in all it was an enthusiastic finale for such a successful campaign. On Sunday there was an interfaith service led by Chaplain Laurel Macaulay Jordan '79 and welcoming Rabbi Ira Schiffer as associate chaplain. During the service, selections were read from the New Testament, the Hebrew Bible, and the Quoran by a student from each faith. Marvelous music was provided by the College Choir. After a final look at the Adirondacks from the sixth floor of Bicentennial Hall, Ruth and I departed—exhausted, but in agreement that it had been a wonderful weekend. Wish you all could have been there. We missed you. ✷ After visiting and chatting with **Bob Cushman** on Friday and Saturday at our reunion, we were shocked to hear of his death on Monday. Bob was a willing local contact with Middlebury for our class, and he will be sorely missed. The sympathy of all us is extended to Corean and the rest of his family. ✷ We are sad to report the deaths of two other classmates: **Marianne Monroe Glazier** on September 10 and **Norma Parsons** on October 19. We extend the condolences of the class to their families. ✷ **Fred Wheeler**'s daughter, Missi, writes that Fred had a serious heart attack last July. He is recuperating at the nursing home where his wife is and would welcome cards, letters, and photos. His address is 716 E. Cedar Rock St., Pickens, SC 29671. Missi can be reached at Missi@pursers.com. Fred you have our very best wishes for a complete recovery. ✷ **Joyce Mackenzie Cropsey** had planned to attend the reunion, but fell and broke her hip. She has made a good recovery and is walking. ✷ Barbara and **Robert Lord** took a five-day tour with a group to the Civil War battlefields in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. They saw the battlefields and decorated graves of soldiers in both the Northern and Southern cemeteries in Winchester, VA, as Bob's grandfather and nearly 200 veterans had done in 1883. ✷ **Roland Wolcott** and his wife had their usual summer visit to Canada. They had a family gathering in Manchester, VT, to celebrate his 85th birthday, his son's 35th anniversary, and his daughter's 30th anniversary. ✷ **Tom** and **Gert Bittle Murray** had a great weekend at Middlebury when they attended the Williams game. With a new grandson, they have four generations living close by in Cornwall, NY. They are so lucky! So many of us have our families far away. Tom was greeted with a bagpipe serenade when he arrived to celebrate his 85th birthday. Gert wrote a note with a design featuring the watercolor Idlewild Creek, done by Tom. The man has artistic talent along with his many other attributes. Gert included the sad news that **Dorothy Wing Davenport** died on October 22. Dot was one of our group that lived at Jewett Wilcox freshman year. Our deepest sympathy goes to her family. ✷ **Pat Brewer Chadwick** plays bridge weekly, goes to Friday afternoon concerts of the Boston Symphony, and makes jelly with the grapes from her grape arbor. Granddaughter Heather, a major in environmental studies at UVM, spent the fall semester in Australia. Granddaughter Melissa is a sports physical therapy major at Simmons. ✷ **Louise Roberts Avery** is grateful for good health that enables her to enjoy her great-grandson and an active social life. ✷ **Ruth Coleman Skinner** had 80 trick-or-treaters on Halloween! That was just a start for her busy Thanksgiving and Christmas schedule that included trips to Worcester, MA, and Thomaston, CT. Along the way she celebrated her baby's 50th birthday. "Can't believe it." ✷ **Betty Anne Dunning Jones** sent cheerful Christmas greetings. Thanks, Betty Anne. ✷ The Christmas greeting from Bill '41 and **Bertha Waite Markland** carried a photo by Bertha of their ancestral farm house. (Son Bill '79 designed the card.) The home is indeed a family treasure. ✷ **Duncan Rollason** is troubled with macular degeneration. Daughter Betsy is helping to clean out his house, which has been accumulating family possessions for many years. Many of us are similarly engaged, and it is an overwhelming task. Duncan's wife has a weekly doctor's appointment, so they do not venture far afield. ✷ **Jim Walls** writes that he was the first Kentuckian to enroll in Middlebury. He heard about Middlebury from a high school teacher who had attended Middlebury summer school. Jim roomed at Bread Loaf with Howard Cady '36, Bill Craig '37, and John Cridland '38. "Some group." Jim had visited Midd twice (in 1968 and 1976). Now living in Fort Thomas, KY, his e-mail address is bird3cat@aol.com. Daughter Phyllis retired last year, after 31 years, from teaching nursing at the College of Nursing and Health at the Univ. of Cincinnati. ✷ With a granddaughter in the freshman class, **Bert MacFadden** reports: "My feelings for the College are even more intensified. This made our reunion doubly pleasurable. She (Devon Parish) is one totally happy girl with her choice of college. Her joy is our joy." ✷ Norm and **Irene Fernandez Anderson** are most thankful that they are both well and able to travel. Last year, they went to San Diego for a Golden Eagles reunion and then to Flagstaff, AZ, to visit with son Kirk and his family. In August Norm's sister and two daughters joined them for a cruise to Norway on the Marco Polo. We missed them at our 62nd Reunion, but they had plans to attend a squadron reunion in Missouri. They had Thanksgiving with Norm II, Ingrid, and Norm III and Jimmie in Fairfax, VA, and then went to Flagstaff, AZ, for Christmas with Kirk, Diana, and their two boys, Noah and Ethan. "We've been busy, but spend lots of time praying and worrying about our great young men fighting the terrorists in Afghanistan." We all say "Amen" to that.

Bertha Waite Markland, Bill Markland, Jeanette Olson Gould, Thor and Carol Miner Gustafson, and Ruth Coleman Skinner, all Class of 1939, enjoyed a fall reunion at Middebury.

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Class Secretary: *Marjorie Burditt Striker, 211 Sandy Pond Rd., Lincoln, MA 01773.*

As your secretary, I am giving myself the privilege of opening remarks. I have just finished John Elder's book, *Reading the Mountains of Home*. I have read it slowly, not wanting to come to the end. In it Prof. Elder connects Robert Frost's poem "Directive" with the environmental history of Bristol, VT, where he lives, and combines these with a series of hikes he has taken in the area. I wish I could send each of you a copy. (And add to it Togo's reissue of Storrs Lee's *Gamaliel Painter*.) ✷ **Dorothy Gates O'Neill**'s daughter sent me an account of Dottie's two severe strokes. In October, when Sharon wrote, her mother was alert and able to understand what was being said to her. I speak for the class in expressing our concern. ✷ **Betty Miller Palen** had

recently had lunch with **Bob** and **Lois Whittier Pickard**. ✷ **Betsey Barber Barney** relates what happens when one's plans for a peaceful summer are disrupted by the breakdown of the septic system and a storm-damaged deck. Not much time for lounging, I gather. ✷ A letter from **Martha Wyman Palin** was a welcome surprise. She had hoped to attend reunion, but was instead recovering from a fall. She reports that her husband is "holding his own." ✷ **Jean Sweeny Hancock** braved the new rigors of flying to spend the holidays with her daughter and family in Chicago. She described the new procedures for boarding a plane. Patience required! ✷ Sad news from the College reports the death of **Asa Shiverick** in November, and also of **Pearl Stevens Farman** in November 14. ✷ **Bob Anderson** has suggested that the class be canvassed about having a two and one-half year reunion next fall. I personally would like to give it a try. Despite the problem of distance from our homes and transportation options as we begin to hand in our driver's licenses, another reunion would be very pleasant. Please let me know your thoughts.

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Class Secretary: *S.J. House, 51 McKinstry Hill Rd., Hyde Park, VT 05655; and Ruth Packard Jones (Mrs. Charles), 4106 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

Secretary Jones reports: **Connie Girard Brown** enjoyed an August sightseeing tour of NYC with her daughter and granddaughter. In light of September 11, she was glad they had the chance to see the Trade Center and take pictures. On a trip to Virginia, Connie visited with **Marge Barkdull**. Later she talked on the phone with "Grimmie" (**Edith Grim Miller**), who was ending a summer vacation in New Hampshire and returning to Georgia. Jamen (**Frances Jane Hayden Trask**) had visited Grimmie and they were planing a European trip. Connie recently received recognition for her many years of volunteering at the local library and serving on its board of trustees. At present she enjoys reviewing and organizing local history material. ✷ A recent phone conversation with Roth (**Helen Rothery Higbee**) found her enjoying great relief after receiving a medical report indicating that her cancer problem seems to be over. ✷ With their holiday greetings, Ed and **Peggy Waller Glazier** reported a trip to Frisco, CO, where they rented an apartment for three weeks. They enjoyed "sleeping under a blanket in July, attending concerts, eating well, and taking day trips." They are enrolled in an Elderhostel program to visit Norway and cruise through some of the fjords in June, but they may cancel "in view of the present international situation." ✷ Paul and **Elsa Norgaard Cullen** have moved to a lovely retirement community (400 Seabury Dr., #3138, Bloomfield, CT 06002) about eight miles from their former home. Paul is in skilled-nursing care and Elsa in independent living: "We are grateful to once again be under the same roof. We wish you all the best in 2002." ✷ Bill and **Barbara Grow Grim** continue to enjoy life at Edgewood, where B. is now librarian, "with a very helpful committee." She notes that **Bill** and **Pat Noe Bursaw** are "a touch of home." ✷ **Betty Wolfington Hubbard** went to Rochester with her daughter, Debby, to celebrate Christmas with relatives. She is starting to clean out her house and make plans for the future. ✷ We are sorry to report the death of **Audrey Hope Wouters** on December 20. She had Parkinson's for several years, but kept surprisingly active. A high point for her was the trip to Hawaii with a daughter last summer. She was a "great gal," whom we shall all miss. Our deepest sympathy goes to her four children: Susan, Robyn, Jonathan, and Alison. ✷ Last October an enjoyable musical evening was presented at Wake Robin by "The Terrific Trio," including a flute player, a remarkable one-armed pianist, and "Shaubie" (**Margaret Shaub**), also a pianist. Shaubie recently moved to an apartment in South Burlington, where she remains well located to continue her many activities—AAUW, teaching two French classes, church work, and music. ✷ **Barbara Wells**, who also sent holiday greetings, keeps very busy with UCC women's fellowship activities and volunteering at the Sheldon Museum archive research center. ✷ Westie's (**Helen West Burbank**) usual active schedule has been slowed down by a case of shingles. It seems to be improving and, hopefully, will be history by the time you read this. ✷ **Jamen Trask**'s sister, with whom she has lived for many years, had a stroke and will probably need to be in a nursing home. So Jamen was selling the house and moving in January to a smaller home in South Hampton, NH. ✷ "Bami" (**Irene Egbert Lally**) wrote: "The year is ending on a happy note for me. My son Michael and his boys (Tom, Joe, and Mark) are to be with me on Christmas. They are driving from Wyoming and will spend some time with daughter Jessica and her two babies in Colonie. I keep active in town hall bridge group and senior trips to Saratoga, etc." ✷ In December, **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker** organized a lovely luncheon at Wake Robin, which was attended by 30 Midd alums, spouses, parents, and staff. The College was represented by President McCardell, Hugh Marlow '57, and Brian Sagrestano. It proved to be such an enjoyable occasion that many expressed hope it might be repeated at some future time. ✷ A gift that many of us may have forgotten continues to help the library. The dean of Library and Information Services has written to express thanks to our class for our continuing support of the Middlebury College Library. Through income generated from the Class of 1941 25th Reunion Fund during 2000-2001, the College has been able to acquire nine publications for the Sciences. Bound volumes of the publications will be gift plated. On the subject of gifts, our class agent wishes to remind us that we have a class memorial fund. If you wish to make a gift to the College in memory of a classmate, you may designate it for the 1941 Class Memorial Fund and it will be also be credited to Annual Giving.

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> —Bert MacFadden '39

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 621 Laurel Lake Dr., #B119, Columbus, NC 28722.*

Get in touch with old friends to encourage them to come to reunion. ✷ Virginia and **Ray Squire** will be at reunion, "if the Good Lord is willing and the well doesn't go dry." ✷ **Roger Arnold** and his wife plan to attend reunion. He has had a tough year with surgery and chemo. Stay well now. ✷ **Mary Clough Johnstone** won't commit herself this early for reunion. You only have to come over the mountain, Mary! ✷ **Ann Curtis Wood** is on the move. Sounds like a geography lesson: Spain, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Mesopotamia, etc. We could schedule you for a travel talk at reunion—sorry you won't be there! ✷ **Margi Fell Council** says: "Of course we'll be at Midd." Husband Howie "enjoys the Midd reunions more than his own at Stanford." In answer to your question, Margi, we'll be staying in Gifford, with all the comforts possible, considering our advanced years. The Councils celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party at the community center with family and friends. Margi had a lovely Elderhostel trip to Spain in the spring, studying Spanish artists. ✷ **Joan Calley Cooper** is whipping up enthusiasm for reunion in the West. ✷ **Hope Rood Redway** (hope.redway @virgin.net) and **Dottie Milligan Schuck** plan trips via e-mail messages. In October, they boated on the River Duoro in northern Portugal to see the colors in the vines on the terraced hillsides. [To answer your question, Hope: We went by sea from Lisbon to Barcelona.] Hope will be at Midd in May, if son Charles '72 comes to his reunion. ✷ Now on a sad note, we must report the death of **Charlie Clapper** in August. A memorial appeared in the winter issue. **Ruth Taylor Clapper** sent a card at this sad season for her without Charlie. ✷ We also regret to report the death of **Elizabeth Hamann** on October 12. We hate to lose classmates and our numbers will be diminished this May from our last reunion. ✷ **Helen Rivel** sent the sad news that **Bob** died on November 30. He was at the Vermont Veterans Home for seven years. We hope you'll join us in May, Helen. ✷ **Lew Alexander** and Jackie plan to attend reunion if all goes well. I guess we all have the same wish. ✷ **Martha Godard Dean** sent a long letter. I must have goofed up. Her husband Goble died in January 2000 and she has moved to 1620 Mayflower Ct., #B506, Winter Park, FL 32792. Her e-mail is margo541@aol.com. She would love to hear from friends. I guess we *all* would! ✷ **Heidi Barrett Corson**'s husband wrote, "as she is unable to write because of Parkinson's. She is in good spirits and would welcome notes from classmates." She and her husband, a retired surgeon, have children close by and a menagerie. ✷ We sent a card to **Jared Wend** at his latest address and it was returned by the post office. Anyone know his whereabouts? ✷ **Sue Hulings Ottinger** has hit a snag. They did have a family trip to Italy before she was plagued with a muscle disease that kept her off the tennis court and the piano, her two hobbies. Get well fast, Sue. We need you at reunion. ✷ **Dave Smith** wrote: "For roughly the tenth year in a row, we have reservations for a week of skiing at Mt. Ste. Anne, 40 minutes northeast of Quebec City. We reserve an entire B&B for 10 of us. There are 120 miles of superb trails with three to four feet of snow always. That week is the high point of our year. We still summer in Pittsford, where I grew up. Big garden and lawn, plus swimming. On occasion, I'm working for lawyers as an economic expert witness in civil suits. Helps keep the mental wheels turning. ✷ **Phil** and **Betty Blanchard Robinson** astound me with all their activities! Betty is chair of the women's assoc. at church and reads each week to children in the inner city. Phil edits the weekly

newsletter for Rotary Club, is acting treasurer of the Grasse River Club in the Adirondacks, class secretary for his class at Mount Hermon, and class agent for both Mount Hermon and Middlebury. They deserve gold stars for community service. Spring, summer, and fall they were all over the northeastern states for activities with family and friends. ✷ There is a new museum in Shaftsbury, VT, to be known as the Robert Frost Stone House Museum. **Peter Stanlis** has agreed to donate his Frost collection to the museum, including more than 300 works and several original manuscripts. Peter, who is a board member of the Friends of Robert Frost, said donations of money for the museum may be mailed to P.O. Box 4586, Bennington, VT 05201. ✷ **Dixie Davis** wrote a long note about some problems they had been having, which are now better. They're still on the jazz festival trail. Also visited the **Cosgroves**. Dixie and Dottie will be at reunion with music for dancing and golf clubs in hand. ✷ If I've missed anyone, it's because I couldn't read the writing. Thanks for your cards and notes. Don't wait until next Christmas to write again. May 2002 find you all well and happy.

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Class Secretaries: *Chick Johnson Doe, 327 Ayer Rd., Harvard, MA 01451; and Dr. John S. Gale (jsgale@shore.net), 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

Secretary Gale reports: **Eb Baines** regrets that his arthritis has, at least temporarily, put an end to his golfing, but not to travel. In summer of '01, he and Janet flew to England, then traveled by ship through the Kiel Canal to Scandinavia. Returning to Scotland, they took in the famous Edinburgh Military Tattoo before returning to Florida. ✷ **Bob** and **Ann Cole Byington** have moved to Duxbury, MA, and they spent Christmas with their daughter in nearby Pembroke. Bing continues his lap swimming and says, since moving to Massachusetts, he's been able to increase from 20 to 30 laps. He was assured that the invigorating clear northern air, in contrast to that of Texas, must be responsible. ✷ Rod and **Ginny Clemens Lowman** have again been traveling, sandwiching two trips in between Ginny's two knee replacements in April '01 and November. In early April, they cruised the Columbia and Snake Rivers in a paddle wheel steamer, and during the summer joined an Experiment in International Living group to tour Switzerland. The highlight was an eight-hour trip on the Glacier Express from Zermatt to St. Moritz. Even while convalescing from her surgery of November, Ginny is still very active in the Girl Scout/Girl Guides organizations. ✷ A call to New Boston, NH, produced the unwelcome news that **Carl Eiermann** had passed away on December 22, from pancreatic cancer, after a short and mercifully pain-free course, according to his wife, Barbara. In recent years Carl had enjoyed keeping their 100-odd-year-old house in repair, something which many of us who live in old houses can relate to. ✷ We also regret to report the death of **Charles Cotter** on September 26. The condolences of the class are extended to his family, especially his wife, Jeannette. ✷ **Lew Haines** (always in our news) wrote that he was planning to go to the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, if granddaughter Kikkan Randall made the U.S. Nordic team. So far Kikkan had been doing well in races in Alaska, so prospects looked good for Lew's Utah trip. ✷ Ann and **Jack Lundrigan** are very pleased by the news that a granddaughter, who is not only an excellent student but a skilled soccer player, has been accepted by Middlebury. ✷ Cutler and **Kay Sempepos Silliman** spent Christmas with son Graham and his family on Cape Cod. At last report, they were planning to drive to Key West late in February. Kay said she's taking her snorkeling gear with her "for one last fling." ✷ Bill and **Yvonne Golding Weinhardt** are still actively traveling, but staying in this country during the past year, especially for visits with family members. ✷ In a Christmas message, Libby and **Steve Wilson** reported that they're "doing OK" in Portland, OR, and mentioned nine feet of snow already on Mt. Hood, some 50 miles from them. ✷ Keep in mind that the 60th Reunion is now only a little more than a year away, and leave May '03 open, pending definitive dates to be reported soon.

> Thanks to the wonderful companionship of my 7 year old (don't be alarmed—he's a yellow lab), we are both active.
> —Dottie Robinson Foster '45

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham) (nmatkins@prodigy.net), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

It isn't surprising that news from members of the class is often about grandchildren or great grandchildren. For instance **Marge Palmer Maxham**'s only granddaughter will graduate from Smith College this June; one of **Ricki Wheaton Evans**'s two grandsons is off to study in Florence, Italy, this term; one of **Bill** and **Ingrid Monk Stevenson**'s grandchildren was married in October, and they visited their first great-grandchild in Atlanta last March; **Neil** and **Marylu Graham Atkins**'s first great-grandchild arrived in Minneapolis in December; Chuck and **Ruth Huff Allen** celebrated last Easter with their first great-grandchild. Ruth and Chuck still continue their interest in travel, celebrating Ruth's birthday last May by flying to Rome and sailing on the *Crystal Symphony* to Monte Carlo, St. Tropez, Naples, Taormina, Sicily, Valetta, Malta, and Corfu, Greece; they flew back from Venice, via Frankfort. ✷ Bill and **Betty Mercer McChrystal** went on a cruise around Cape Horn aboard the *Crystal Harmony*. She reported that "the roughness of the sea, the glaciers, and the rugged coastline were all impressive." One highlight was the search for *Artesania Rinconada*, hand-crafted ceramic animals from Uruguay. ✷ **Al Rathbun** joined those of us who have experienced heart-related problems, with news of his totally unexpected need for a triple bypass. In his call, Al said that he understood that **Al Boissevain** was to be off on an archaeological dig in Majorca. Al is still the great adventurer. ✷ Efforts to retain old ties with Middlebury friends are strong among class members. Late last summer **Jane Landes** drove up to Vermont to visit **Jean Milligan**, then she and **Muriel Roome Wakeman** stopped to have dinner with **Helen Beardslee Johnstone** on their way back. Others continue old interests: **Nancy Read** humorously noted on her Christmas card that she was spending the Christmas holiday in ski country in Vermont with a group of those who still ski! ✷ In spite of health problems, **Dorothy Burton Skardal** remains active in academic matters. In September she attended an American studies conference in Bergen, Norway, then spent a week in Aalborg, Denmark, doing some research at the emigrant archives. She also gave a talk at Aalborg University, "in an effort to arouse more academic interest in research on Danish emigration." Her daughter, Randi, and her husband moved from the far north part of Norway to a small village near Oslo, where she will teach religion at two Lutheran State Church parishes. ✷ Several members of the class noted on their Christmas cards how the impact of the tragedy of September 11 affected them personally, with news of close "misses" of friends and relatives in both New York and Washington. ✷ On a sad note, we must report the death of **Marilyn Boyce Squier** on October 8. ✷ Finally, many thanks to our Christmas card friends for news.

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Class Secretaries: *Miss Charlotte P. Hickcox (cpercyh@aol.com), Covenant Vlg., #4202, 52 Missionary Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416; and Mr. Alan Wolfley (aw451bg@aol.com), 22 Canaan Close, New Canaan, CT 06840.*

Toba Gertz Buxbaum (tgbux@aol.com) e-mailed from Houston: "We have traveled everywhere while we still could and made it to Midd for the 50th. Will try for the 60th. We are now settling down to watch our four wonderful children do the same kind of life, if possible. So far, we have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren—Joshua and newborn Rachel." ✷ **Jean Hickman Fernow** (aka Butch Hickman) writes from Tulsa that she now has nine grandchildren (ages 12 to 23), but only one is married so far, so not much hope of great-grands. Butch moved to Tulsa many years ago to be near her physician son and family. She loves the area, despite hot August weather—which she finds preferable to the blizzards of Vermont and Buffalo. Her son has been building a new home that includes a mother-in-law apartment for her; the move was scheduled for this spring. ✷ **Dottie Robinson Foster** seems to enjoy the vagaries of weather in Montpelier, VT. She writes that they are both thriving: "Thanks to the wonderful companionship of my 7-year-old (don't be alarmed—he's a yellow lab), we are both active." Dottie was looking forward to visits from her son, Chris '85, who now lives in California. ✷ **Donald Gilmore** is enjoying activities at his retirement community in Concord, NH, but also has a "getaway" place in Heneker, NH, where he can do some carpentry. He and Niki were planning another Elderhostel trip this spring to the mountains in North Carolina. Excerpt from recent e-mail: "My archeological organization is the New England Antiquities Research Assoc. (NEARA) and my second three-year term as president runs to the spring of 2003. Still selling is the 1998 NEARA-published book that I coedited *Across Before Columbus? Evidence for Transoceanic Contact with the Americas Prior to 1492*. I'll be happy to give up the tasks associated with NEARA so I can enjoy our summer cottage on the lake and keep traveling with Niki. Looking forward to seeing all who come to our 60th Reunion in 2005." ✷ **Eleanor Burt Nelson** has published her first book, *Retirement Is a Game:*

Insider Tips on How to Play (Burt Publishing, 14210 W. Pecos Ln., Sun City West, AZ 85375; $7.95 plus $2 S&H). Eleanor is a community columnist for the *Arizona Republic*. She retired from the *Chicago Tribune* after 13 years as a reporter, bureau chief, and columnist. ✷ From Ithaca, NY, **Carol Chamberlayne Kimball** shares the happy news that she and her former husband remarried on December 23, 2000. They have two daughters and a son in Ithaca, a son in Boston, and nine grandchildren. Carol did not know that she had a Midd classmate in Ithaca until a few years ago when she borrowed a book from the local library. This was a book originally written in Spanish and she eventually noted that credit for the translation to English was given to **Frances Horning Barraclough**. Carol of course recognized the name of Frances Horning, but she also recognized the name of Frances Barraclough as a women who had been singing with her in the Ithaca Community Chorus! Neither of them had known each other's married name and neither had recognized their classmate after 40-plus years. They have since enjoyed many good times together. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Barbara Walters Mudd** on August 29 and convey the condolences of the class to her husband, Merle, and the family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Bill (wcpercival@aol.com) and Jan Shaw Percival, 9726 SW 195 Circle, Dunnellon, FL 34432. (After May 15, P.O. Box 33, Cataumet, MA 02534.)*

Bill and **Sheila Schmidt Rowland** are settling into their new retirement community at 85 Nevada Oval, Plattsburgh, NY 12903. ✷ **Mary Nasmith Means** completed a trip to Russia recently with her grandson (16). They covered Moscow and St. Petersburg, among other places. Mary was very enthusiastic about the beauties of the country and the friendliness of the people: "I'd go again in a minute." ✷ **Kathy Rowley Tuttle** (P.O. Box 91, Plymouth, VT 05056) has returned to Vermont as her main home. She allows that spending some time in Florida during Vermont's snowy months will definitely be a consideration, particularly after last year when the snow was so heavy. (Sounds like a smart move to us snowbirds.) ✷ In the past year, **Kay Craven** has traveled to Vancouver, Orlando, and Budapest. Kay was one of the unlucky people caught away from home on September 11. Her flight home to Boston was delayed about a week and—even when she could travel again—the flight took over 13 hours. She found Budapest to be a great city with lots to see and do. ✷ Frank and **Joanne Davis Hohmeister** live in Connecticut, with their bountiful gardens and orchards producing more than they and all their friends can consume. Their travels last year included trips to Florida, Tucson, and San Diego. ✷ John and **Connie Smith Carpenter** recently celebrated 50 years of living in their Oakledge home in Burlington, VT. Not too many of us can claim 50 years in one house; John must have it fixed up pretty well by now. They traveled to Italy and Malta last March and then in the fall to Paris, St. Michel, and Normandy. Connie says they will keep going as long as their little old legs can keep them going. ✷ **Avery** and Peg Rowland '45 **Post** announced that they have sold their house in Norwich, VT. While awaiting completion of their apartment in a retirement community, they have moved temporarily into their summer cottage in Randolph, NH (P.O. Box 1316). Let's hope they had plenty of wood stored up. They have opportunities to visit their daughter, who is on the music faculty at Middlebury, "a beloved college indeed." ✷ Pete and **Barbara Busing Harris** (bbharris@cyberportal.net) have moved from their home in Gilford, NH, to a one-floor apartment in nearby Laconia (4 Amadeus Dr.; 03246). There was mention of not having lawns to mow or snow to shovel. ✷ Ed and **Alice Thorn Laquer** continue their worldwide traveling, with visits to South Africa, Victoria Falls, and Malta, plus other trips to Iowa City and Lake George (in New York State). They have completed 44 years in Gardenville, PA. They occasionally see **Jane Strayer Hess** and **Nancy Rathgeb Smith** for mini-Midd reunions. ✷ We send the condolences of the class to **Leila Taylor Baggert**, whose husband, Howard, passed away on September 2. Unfortunately, Leila was unable to attend our 55th Reunion because of her husband's illness. Howard also attended Middlebury. ✷ The sympathy of the class is also extended to **Gloria Antolini Keyser**, whose husband, Roger, passed away in November after a long illness. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Sherrill Archibald Spires** on December 30. ✷ Finally, **Bill** and **Jan Shaw Percival** visited "down under" in October. They spent 28 days in New Zealand and Australia, traveling some 25,000 miles in 16 different airplanes. Saw and did some wonderful things, including jet boating, kayaking on the Avon River in Christchurch, climbing both the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Ayers Rock, and going hot air ballooning. A memorable trip.

Bobby Van Aken Smith '47 and Virginia Stowell James '47 got together at the Hartford/New Haven Chapter meeting last October.

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Class Secretaries: *Virginia Stowell James (jinjamvsj@cs.com), 373 Reeds Gap Rd., Northford, CT 06472; and Philip Briggs, 828 Ridgefield Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

Secretary James reports: This is the last column you will be reading before our 55th Reunion, May 31 to June 2. Our class entered Middlebury in 1943, during the depths of World War II, and emerged strongly united, enriched in numbers and in strength by many members of earlier classes who returned from service to finish and graduate with us—and sometimes to marry among us as well! Together we became—and still are—a strong, united group with loads of talent and spirit. Do plan to come back for our 55th Reunion if you possibly can do so! Come forge even stronger ties to one another and to Middlebury. You'll be glad you did! ✷ Many classmates have been hard at work planning for the reunion. You will see the site of the new library, on the former location of the old (now recycled!) science building. You will be able to tour the great Bicentennial Hall, completed for the College's 200th anniversary, and there will be social times, banquet and meal times, chapel and meetings, and leisure times. You may view *The Pursuit of Truth*, a prize-winning bicentennial documentary shown at many recent alumni gatherings, including the Hartford/New Haven Chapter in October attended by **Bobby Van Aken Smith** and **Virginia Stowell James**. A truly outstanding video, it well-deserves its Golden Eagle Award from CINE, the Council for International Non-theatrical Events. ✷ Gordie '49 and **Alice Neef Perine** are facing health difficulties, as more of us seem to be. Since his heart bypass surgery, Gordie had a gall bladder operation and has had shortness of breath necessitating supplemental oxygen. Nevertheless, they are looking forward to reunion. ✷ We hope **Bobby Van Aken Smith**'s new left knee—to go with the right one, as she puts it—will enable her to make it to reunion. ✷ Classmates gathering in September at the Point Arena home of **Phyllis Howland McIntosh** included **Jean Mace Burnell, Flo King Millsaps** and Frank, and **Sally McCullough Sterritt** and Graham. Despite the tragic news of that second week of September, the friends talked, reminisced, planned, and enjoyed the support of being there together. George and **Janet Rogers Enzmann** could not be there, because it was wedding time for their son. In Salt Lake City, Flo reports she has taken part in 15 news programs, 33 history slide shows, and 23 tours around town. She also went on a mine tour weekend with friends, took an Elderhostel trip in Yellowstone Park, and is busy with weekly hiking and cross-country skiing. She also reports the birth of twin grandsons and an eight-day tour via motor home to the petite reunion at Phyll's home. ✷ **Pat Harvey Oehler** reports several gatherings in California, for activities such as wine tasting and a visit to the Sacramento Zoo. Participants included Al Boissevain '44, Dotty Milligan Schuck '42, John Lorini '45, Doris Smith Earnshaw '46, Gail Bliss Allen '57, and Jonathan Glidden '68. ✷ Travel engages many of our classmates. **Joyce Walsh Heath** has had three trips to Panama and a trip to Puerto Rico since 1998, plus two trips to California last summer. She's studying conversational Spanish and Chinese, holds several town offices in Brandon, VT, and says she is busy ALL the time. ✷ Bob and **Betsy Hornaday Fry** enjoyed two weeks in Alsace, before spending the summer at their tree farm in the Poconos. ✷ **Mary Pitz Hunt**, who reports she now has a pacemaker, is still hiking (but more slowly), rides her bike, and toured Mexico's Copper Canyon with her daughters. She planned to winter in Ft. Lauderdale with her son. Mary plans to attend our 55th, also. ✷ Christmas time brought pictures from Bill and **Jeannette Atkins Louth**, with wonderful descriptions of their travels in New Zealand, visiting sheep stations, watching shearing, and especially marveling at the work of the border collies. They cruised to various coastal towns in Australia before crossing the Tasman Sea in 80 mph winds and 24-foot seas to New Zealand. They didn't even get seasick! Late last spring, they took a cruise and land trip to Alaska. ✷ **Jean Mace Burnell** plans to attend reunion, and **Mollie Stevens Chesbrough** is also looking forward to our 55th. Mollie seems to have recovered from the broken hip she suffered in China last year when she was traveling with **Lynn Bruhn**. ✷ **Marion Durkee Stillman** planned a September trip to Seattle, but canceled after September 11. She enjoyed Octoberfest in Pennsylvania, Vienna Boys Choir in December, a visit to her daughter in Virginia, and museum-visiting in DC. ✷ Bart '48 and **Tiffany Clark Nourse**

spend winters in Green Valley, AZ, and the rest of the year on beloved Cape Cod. Bart is taking water-color lessons, and they walk at least two miles each day. They hope to attend reunion. ✷ Do you remember our classmate **Betty MacGill Needy**? Her husband, **Carl Needy**, a faithful honorary class member, has endowed a patient waiting area in the Center for Cancer Care at Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie in memory of Betty, who died in 1981. Both their daughters—Carolyn Needy Rudnick '73 and Susan Needy Whitcomb '76—went to Middlebury and granddaughter Elizabeth Rudnick '02 is enrolled now. ✷ A card received at Christmas brought news that Buzz, husband of the late **Rosemary Roddy Brainard**, has moved to live with a daughter in Colt's Neck, NJ. ✷ Bob '49 and **Ruth Britton Gore** attended an October 11 memorial service for the September 11 victims in Washington, according to Stew Washburn '48. Our hearts are with them. They lost their daughter and son-in-law on the plane the terrorists flew into the Pentagon. ✷ Do you remember that our class long ago established a Class of 1947 Scholarship Fund? Each year an outstanding student continues his or her studies at Middlebury with the help of that scholarship, which in June 2001, had a book value of $34,347 and a market value of nearly $187,000. That is another achivement of which we can all be proud. ✷ Our valiant Class of 1947 was one of only SEVEN classes to achieve 100 per cent participation in the Bicentennial Campaign, which topped its original goal. Class members gave over $1,052,000! Furthermore, Gamaliel Painter's Cane society, comprised of those who include Middlebury College in some way in their estate plans, lists 16 members in our Class of 1947. ✷ To one and all, keep up activities and keep us posted on news! Think reunion for May 31-June 2. Be there!

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Class Secretaries: *Daniel R. and Joan Tyler Gilbert (dnygmhs@aol.com), 175 W. North St., #335C, Nazareth, PA 18064.*

Mary Frances Van Cleve Smith has been writing poetry, among all her other many activities in Pahrump, NV. Some of her latest work was published in *RB's Poet's Viewpoint*, the January 2002 issue. She has three children, seven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Barbara Shaw Wick** on October 30. The condolences of the class are extended to all of the family, especially Hilton, daughter Julia Wick '82, and Barbara's brother, Gale Howard Shaw '53.

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Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; and Bob M. Gore, Jr., 60 Keenan Dr., Peterborough, NH 03458.*

Word has been received of the recent death of **Audrey Karl Conant**. We send the condolences of the class to her daughter, Beverlie Conant-Sloan '73, and all the family.

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Class Secretaries: *Margaret Stearns Burdett (blueburd@srnet.com), P.O. Box 103, 5 Upper Bay Rd., Sunapee NH 03782; and Walter Paterson (wpate86259@aol.com), 11301 Heron Bay Blvd., #2916, Coral Springs, FL 33076.*

Secretary Paterson reports: Still in NYC, **Andy Namm** gave great news about one of his major projects—helping to fund the development program at NYC Technical College, an institution which his father, Major Benjamin Namm, played a large part in starting 55 years ago. Andy also noted he was lucky to sell his investment business at the right time. He continues to run a small foundation and a few portfolios. His daughter is in administration at the Univ. of PA and his son is at Connecticut College. ✷ **Anne Meyer Marshall** sent a thoughtful communication: "At the risk of being preachy, I'd like to write about my recent efforts to respect the dignity of every human and the rich rewards when and if I succeed. My endeavors are spreading to casual contacts—particularly people I don't know well or at all, such as store clerks and cashiers, receptionists in offices of health providers, library patrons, etc. (With the probable exception of telemarketers who call at dinnertime!) Anyone who is treated as a friend, rather than a server, responds positively and gratefully. This has worked best with total strangers! There is not much racial diversity where we live near the end of Cape Cod. However diversity of sexual preference is very common! We've found that our acceptance of gays and lesbians has richly rewarded us with expanded friendships and associations. Since September 11, I believe it's particularly essential that we appreciate other religious and political cultures. I cringed when I read of some of the immediate negative reactions to American Muslims after the tragedy. We cannot be indifferent or casual about the precious nature of every human person. We cannot allow the persecution of, or even casual cruelty toward, people who do not embrace our values or beliefs." ✷ **Barbara Parker** thoroughly enjoyed her recent visit to her daughters and son-in-law in San Francisco. She was a substitute teacher in 2001 in New Jersey, but wants to get back into her field as a business writer and editor. She also yearns for a move to Middlebury, as I suspect a few others do. ✷ **Bill Pihlcrantz** pitched in with a lively message from his home in Orlando, FL. Bill hasn't lost his sense of humor, and his strong opinions. ✷ **Bob Jackson** tuned in with a happy message that he is now living happily with a "significant other." (His wife died from cancer five years ago.) He also noted that—at **Paul Skudder**'s urging at our 50th—he had both knees replaced and can now walk again without pain—and he's no longer bowlegged. ✷ A Christmas message from **Jackie Brooks Davison** informs us that she is still extremely active in Lexington, MA. She recently traveled to India and Nepal and her reports are filled with great insight into life in these countries. ✷ Last year **Dave Peet** had a magnificent trip to Italy and Switzerland, visiting Rome, Florence, Genoa, Pisa, Lake Maggiore, and Venice. An evening gondola ride and eating gelato ("the greatest ice cream ever created") were among the highlights. Dave has been executive director of the Scottish Highland Games held in Ligonier, PA, for the past 35 years. He told me of the eight Scottish Games taking place in Florida during 2002—so I guess I'll have to break out the moth-eaten kilt this year. ✷ **Wallace Faber** and Mary are into their fifth year in Westerly, RI. Since his retirement in January 2001, he has been exploring his newly found talent in watercolor painting. Some of his paintings appeared in a special article by the *Westerly Sun*. "Last spring we visited with Rita and Cliff Forbush '49 in Bradenton, FL, and sent him a painting of Old Chapel by me. Great to see them and talk about Midd." ✷ Also in Rhode Island, **Paul "Rocky" Rochford** recounted some of his military experiences in World War II in the *Providence Journal* (October 26). A member of the 17th Airborne Div./I Company 513 Parachute Infantry for the Rhineland and central Europe campaigns, he served in the 13th and 82nd Airborne Divisions. After the war, he got his degree at Middlebury and a master's degree from Columbia. In the 1960s, he was a Sergeant First Class, Operations/Intelligence with the 16th and 19th Special Forces Groups. In civilian life, he was a high school principal for 14 years and an administrator at Roger Williams College. He also taught psychology at Salve Regina College. He and wife Patricia have five children and five grandchildren. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Margaret McNair Muessel** on January 6 and send the condolences of the class to her husband, Dan Muessel '49. ✷ **Carol Hentz Spooner** shares news of the T. William Hentz Scholarship. The first four-year recipient, who had been studying in Madrid last year, returned to Middlebury to receive her master's from President McCardell last May. The Malaysian student from Singapore graduated Phi Beta Kappa and received the Anthropology Department Award and the International Student Award. Last year two of the Posse Program students began receiving the scholarship. Last April, one of them received the Four Angels Award, which is given to the sophomore woman of color who, through her activism and leadership in the Middlebury community in her first year, embodies the spirit of the four outstanding women who died in an auto accident in 1999. She spent fall semester at the Univ. of Havana. The other Posse student has returned from a semester at the Univ. of Moscow. Carol says these are truly amazing women and wishes we could all meet them.

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Joan Allen Armour made time to host what has become an annual holiday luncheon for Hartford area alumnae. Joan and Norm '53 celebrated Christmas several times with their scattered family in Massachusetts, Texas, and Denver—fitting in a little skiing at Breckenridge on the side. ✷ Although **Mary Sellman McIntosh** has retired from teaching at Miss Porter's School, she is keeping almost as busy as a substitute teacher at area schools. ✷ **Carol Osborn Moger** and husband Harvey continue to enjoy cross country skiing and snowshoeing in Greensboro, Vt. They especially like this area for its old-fashioned atmosphere. They were looking forward to a trip to Tuscany and Provence in the spring. ✷ **Connie Parsons Poritsky** and her husband live in Hudson, OH, but try to spend much of the spring, summer, and fall in Scituate, MA. Connie vacationed there in the same house as a child. They have two married sons, one living next door and the other in Williamsport, PA. ✷ **Julie Ellis Weeks** regrets not getting to our 50th as planned, because of a difficult recovery from unexpected surgery. Happily, she was feeling much better at Christmastime. ✷ Dave and **Charlotte Clark Hay** are enjoying the enthusiasm of grandson Clark Read '05 as he talks about being a freshman at Middlebury. He has commented frequently that it's a great group of people—one of the Middlebury hallmarks that, along with inspirational professors, seems to have stayed the same. We experienced that last winter when John Hunisak, Midd prof. of art history, came to Chicago in con-

nection with the Van Gogh-Gauguin exhibit at the Art Institute. He spoke to an enthusiastic group of Midd alums who were reluctant to let him go. ✷ One day in January, while talking on the phone, Charlotte and **Mary Lou Wiley Bond** decided the weather has become increasingly unpredictable. Who would have guessed that Mary Lou would be shoveling seven inches of snow in Williamsburg, VA, while Chicago was enjoying an extended period of clear, sunny days with no snow to shovel. ✷ **Ken Carle** writes that he and his wife are now spending the winter months in Naples, FL. ✷ Graceanna Hawley, wife of **Phil Hawley** who died in 1988, would like to stay connected with the College and with our class. She has moved to 28 Lockwood Ln., Boxford, MA 01921. ✷ Sad news from **Ellie Wampler Majer**: her 21-year-old granddaughter, Jennifer Lynn Lacey, was killed in an automobile accident on Thanksgiving Day. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family, Ellie. ✷ We all have our recollections of the disasters of last September. Jane and **Gordie Ross** had planned a barge trip in France later that month, but it turned out to be fortunate that they couldn't go. Three days after they were scheduled to leave, Jane had surgery. As of this winter, they were enjoying the ski slopes of Killington/Pico. ✷ Tom '51 and **Marilyn Mulholland Jacobs** canceled a September vacation in Scandinavia. ✷ **Ellie Hight Morris** wrote that she and husband Irv carried through with plans to visit Ireland in late September. They found it was "wonderful medicine for stressed and bruised nerves." ✷ **Will** and Carolyn Bennett '61 **Jackson** were traveling by rail from Beijing to Moscow when the planes hit. As they arrived at the Russian border to change trains, they were greeted with live television coverage from New York and Washington. ✷ Former class secretary **Jim Ross** was one of five Middlebury area residents receiving Bicentennial Citizens' Medals from President McCardell on November 2. Former business manager of the College, Jim is still associated with the College as a consultant. He has volunteered with numerous community organizations, serving as a member of the Porter Hospital board for 26 years, the Addison County Chamber of Commerce board for 25 years, and the Addison County Community Action Group board since 1999. An advocate for the disabled, he has been the recipient of several awards, including the Governor's Award for Distinguished Service from the Vermont Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Heartiest congratulations, Jim!

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Congratulations to **Sally Utiger**, who was recently voted Tennis Umpire of the Year by the New England Tennis Umpire's Assoc. This award is all the more cherished when you realize that the voters were all of her peer umpires. ✷ About half a century after graduating from Middlebury, three alums found themselves living at the Landings in Savannah, Georgia! Dick Buckingham '54 met **David Page** at a party at the Landings five years ago; later he met **Dick Eddy** at St. Peter's church. Dick Buckingham, who spent four years flying as a naval aviator, completed his degree with the Class of 1958 and spent his civilian career with Continental Can and Cadbury-Schwepp. After Midd graduation, Dick Eddy enlisted in the Marine Corps Officer Candidate Program. Commissioned a second lieutenant, he saw two years active duty in Korea, joined the Marine Corps Reserve, and retired as a major in 1954. Still affiliated with Thomas Publishing, he was also part of the group that started ESPN. David Page joined the Class of 1952 following his service in the army. With a medical degree from Yale, he had a practice in ophthalmology in Huntington, Long Island, for 30 years. All three got together recently to go over their yearbooks and reminisce about the good old days. ✷ **Anne Upson Stone** writes that she and Fred will see us at reunion. Included in her mailing was a wonderful photo of their six pre-school grandchildren. We suggest having a bulletin board at our 50th for photos like this of grandchildren, children, and classmates. ✷ A Christmas card photo of **Alice Hildreth Rand**'s basset hound, Sadie, wearing a life-jacket. The heading reads "Save us all from Satan's power." Alice writes: "This is a picture of our new sea-going puppy, who defies ALL commands." ✷ **Jean Hosford Bovington** writes that her husband says he's coming with her to our 50th—but she's concerned about him missing his own 50th at Denison the same weekend. Jean phoned **Polly Norton Polstein**, her Midd roommate, urging her to join us all at the 50th. ✷ Jim and **Jane Rupp Cooke** spent two weeks at Grindewald in the Swiss Alps in '01. They also got to Park City, UT, for the Master's World Championships and to Sun Valley for the Middlebury Alumni Ski Week. ✷ A photo of John and **Carol Holmes Phillips** shows them hiking with son Dave. On an Elderhostel bike trip last spring, they cycled from Italy to the foothills of the Austrian Alps. Last summer they traveled to Green Lake, WI, for a family reunion. ✷ Pete and **Ruth Eldridge Race** had a busy year with community activities, choral singing, and travel. Last winter, an Elderhostel to New Zealand and Australia included a stop-off in Hawaii. Last fall they cruised from Amsterdam to Vienna on the Rhine, Main, and Danube Rivers, visiting their German exchange student of '75 and his family along the way. They finished this trip with a few days in England, including a visit to their "sister" town of Boxford in East Anglia. ✷ **Mary Halsted Francoeur** keeps in touch with **Lindy Pahner Christie, Mary Lou McLeod Aagaard, Ann Perry Dixon**, and **Mardy Peck Burgess**. She's looking forward to seeing them and the rest of our class at reunion. Mary is involved with various local civic activities and takes a daily walk with a good friend. She's also hooked on "adventure travel." In '01 she went to Yunnan Province in China, near the Tibet border, a destination she enthusiastically recommends to all adventurers. ✷ Unfortunately, we have learned of several losses. A memorial appeared in the winter issue for **David Brown**, who spent his freshman year with us before transferring to Northwestern Univ. ✷ The condolences of the class are extended to **Barbara Oetjen Cocchini** on the recent death of her husband, Aldo. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Diana Martin Spohn** on June 21, 2001, and send the condolences of the class to her husband, Martin Spohn, and all the family. ✷ We were saddened to learn of the passing in December of Joyce, wife of **Ken Nourse**. The class extends our sympathy to Ken and his family. ✷ Classmates who are helping raise funds for our Class Alumni Fund Gift to Middlebury in this, the year of our 50th Reunion, are **Shirley Herrman Andrews, Steve Baker, Sally Baldwin Utiger, Bob Becker, Jean Hosford Bovington, Jeanne Parker Cahill, Jane Rupp Cooke, Dick Day, Roger Handy, Bill Kirby, Paul Lincoln, Ken Nourse, Chuck Ratté**, and **Barbara Bieber Zeiller**. The goal is 100 percent participation—*something*, no matter how much—from each of us. If you haven't yet made a contribution, please do so and save them from having to contact you. Our thanks to all of them for working hard on our class gift. Please note that long-time class agent **Steve Baker**'s correct phone number is 888-451-3703 and his e-mail address is sebaker@sover.net. Both were listed incorrectly in the 50th Reunion Directory. ✷ "Our family is the joy of our life," writes **Judy Hudders Lovegren**. "The grandchildren are each unique—as are yours! We had the entire family together for a couple of days during the holidays." With five married children and 11 grandchildren (1 to 16 years), it was "hectic but exciting" as Judy described it, adding "and we all enjoy one another." Judy and Bob are coming to the reunion and she wonders if we'll all recognize each other. ✷ Those of us working on our 1952 50th Reunion Yearbook were all recognizable. *Winding Roads* is edited by **Barbara "Peanuts" Cummiskey Villet**, with the able assistance of **Ken Nourse, Bill Trask, Ruth Shonyo Trask, Sally Baldwin Utiger, Lynn McMillen, Carol Holmes Phillips, Carol Whitham Brewster**, and **Shirley Herrman Andrews**. Reunion co-chairs **Bill Trask** and **Ruth Shonyo Trask** report on the reunion book: "The cover is vibrant in living color; the layout is peppy and eye-catching; and the memories section is, well, memorable. We hope to see you all at Middlebury, May 30 - June 2, 2002."

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Congratulations and best wishes are in order for Carol Nieves-Sosa and **Millard Davis**, who were married on October 13. He reports that Carol graduated from Smith College (cum laude in biochemistry and comparative literature), and is now a first class botanist. "We took a two-week honeymoon from Natural Bridge to Ding Darling Preserve to the Everglades and points in between and north. I took 1,700 photos toward a new book." ✷ A special newspaper supplement, entitled "A tribute to **Peter Marshall**," came out on the occasion of Peter's retirement after 25 years at Nypro in Clinton, MA. One local company in attendance summed it up well for the entire community: "We would like to congratulate Peter Marshall and extend our gratitude and best wishes. We have all benefited from his impact on the Clinton Community and the plastic industry. We appreciate his many years of devoted service and contributions, which will be remembered for many years to come." The Wachusett Chamber of Commerce announced soon after his retirement that Peter had been chosen Person of the Year, and the honor was bestowed at a dinner ceremony on November 3. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Elizabeth Cox Estey** on October 8, after battling cancer for more than four years. We extend the condolences of the class to her husband, Donald, and all the family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.

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Secretary Ryan reports: Greetings from deep in the heart of Texas! As in most of the country, it is much more somber here than it was before September 11. Perhaps a feeling of a loss of innocence, an unsettling fear. At any rate, I tried to contact those closest to the situation, those living in NYC, and see how they perceived the situation. I was able to visit with two people. ✷ **Erica Child Prud'homme** described it vividly. Although she could not see the towers from her apartment, she could see the smoke: "The streets had no vehicular traffic, but a parade of solemn people, carrying briefcases, walking north up Broadway in the middle of the street. They had come from way downtown. There was no commercial air traffic, but a lot of lethal-looking pointy-nosed military aircraft and helicopters flying very low. My daughter, who lives in Brooklyn, came out of the subway in downtown Manhattan to find a mass of screaming people. A policeman told her to run north, and she did." Erica feels cross with the federal government: "With all that money spent on the FBI and the CIA, they should have known about this." She has a feeling of vulnerability, and of sadness. Like all New Yorkers, and the rest of us, she is continuing her life, with a showing of her latest work at the Blue Mountain Gallery, 530 W. 25th Street. By the time you receive this, her private showing will be over, but I'm sure the gallery will be happy to help you. You can preview her work at www.artincontext.org/artist/erica_prudhomme/image.html. ✷ **Jane Pope Bertoni** was out for a walk on that beautiful morning and, upon returning, heard that a small plane had hit one of the towers. She saw the second hit on TV. "I was amazed, dumbfounded. But I am really proud of the New Yorkers who responded and reacted so well to such a terrible event." She has visited Ground Zero twice, once with visiting friends, and has no plans to do it again. It is with her every day: the smell of the fumes travel widely, even as far north as 88th Street. Like some of my Texas friends, Jane is not happy with our response to the attack, and feels that other choices were available that were not adequately pursued. Jane spends about half her time in NYC and the other half in Burlington, where two of her three children live. She holds a master's in teaching English as a second language and has retired from teaching, primarily Chinese and Russian at Pace Univ. She sounds really good! ✷ On a lighter note, we received Christmas cards from Betty and **Dick Davenport** (they look terrific), and Ken and **Barbara Knight Moffitt,** who continue to enjoy life in Colorado and Pennsylvania. I talked to **Ferd** and **Mary Lou Bayles Wyckoff**, after receiving a Christmas card showing the Wyckoff family on the idyllic snow-covered front lawn of their home. Ferd is recovering nicely after shattering his right shoulder in a fall from his roof. He also shattered an illusion when he told me that their Christmas picture had been (horrors!) "computer enhanced." In Middlebury, I spoke with **Bob** and Betsy Heath '58 **Gleason**, who said that everything was "wonderful." They were planning a February family get-together in New Hampshire. **Chuck** and **Ann Heath Fay**, they said, were, as usual, spending the month of January in Hawaii. ✷ So, a happy new year to all! Stay involved, stay active, stay connected! And keep those cards and letters coming!

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Secretary Makin reports: **Jojo Kittell Corey** writes that husband **Dave** was diagnosed with a malignant tumor on his vocal cord in September. Fortunately, 80 percent of it was removed surgically and the rest was taken care of with radiation. Dave's laryngitis is slowly disappearing and he will soon have his booming voice back again. He will need it to cheer at the Midd hockey games, as last year Jojo and Dave attended over 19 games and I bet they both do the same this season. I attended the Tufts/Midd hockey game in January and watched our very powerful team win 10-0. Roy and **Esther Whitmore Craig** were also cheering the team on. ✷ George and **Janny Netland Fenner** had an amazing trip last fall, traveling more than 2,000 miles from the Pacific to the Atlantic down the Amazon—with a little puddle-jumper help getting over the Andes. In December they were visited at Ocean Reef by Susan and **Earl Samson** in their Trumpe cruiser. Earl was planning to return there in January. ✷ **John** and **Kathy Hughes von Hartz** spent two weeks touring the Galapagos Islands and then another two weeks going in and out of the Andes. Kathy writes that it is amazing to walk among the animals and birds that are so tame they never move when approached. However, apparently a bull sea lion did give them a bit of a scare. ✷ In August, Ann and **George Limbach** went to Europe, where they hiked in five different countries with Wilderness Travel. This was followed by a week of biking in Portugal. George, who is still practicing law, had plans for a hip replacement in April. ✷ Art '53 and **Joan Tolley Bassett** '55 toured Alaska in July. Highlight of the trip? Four days on Prince William Sound with Linda, their daughter, as a guide. ✷ **Scotty MacGregor Gillette**'s daughter, Becky, was married in August. Scotty had her latest geometric-design hooked rug accepted into a juried exhibit at the Minneapolis Textile Center. She and Peter have bought a condo in Phoenix and planned to send time there this winter. ✷ As I write up these notes in January, **Bruce** and **Sue Heyer Byers** are in New Zealand, where they planned to do the "Milford Trek," and my co-secretary **Frank Punderson**, and wife Linda are off in their RV to spend four months in Mexico. Please note my new e-mail address and send all your news. We need to prepare for our 50th!

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> —Vicky Grove Memminger '56

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"To paraphrase Mark Twain," writes **Vicky Grove Memminger**, "reports of my employment are greatly exaggerated—and garbled. Eight years ago, I retired from AT&T as a writer and editor at their Basking Ridge, NJ, headquarters. I had been with the company 20 years. Last year, the Sandor agency in New Hope, PA, hired me to write a press release on a local artist. Why they sent out a release calling me the director of public relations is beyond me. What I AM doing is writing pieces for an area guide on obscure museums in Bucks and Hunterdon counties—lots of fun, not much profit." ✷ Lou and **Peggy Strauss Patierno** appeared on CNN in December, telling of their volunteer efforts on behalf of grief-stricken families affected by September 11 and the subsequent plane crash in Brooklyn. She said they heard from many old friends as a result of the program. They have been on assignment since September. Their first three weeks were in Connecticut, aiding those who lost family members in the disaster. Then for three weeks in November they worked on Pier 94, where families came to get help from FEMA, the United Way, and other agencies, including the Red Cross. In January they had a week in Suffolk County with the Red Cross office helping the staff to improve their record keeping in line with National Red Cross policies. Then they returned to NYC to see programs that they had helped to initiate being carried out by their trainees. "Going back was very ego building for us. Our coworkers were so happy to see us. There is so much money out there and we have to make sure people get what they need, not what they want," wrote Peggy. ✷ It is with sadness that we report the death of **Julie King**'s husband, Jack Maxson. He passed away before Christmas after a long illness. Our deepest sympathy goes to Julie. ✷ **Ron Lawson** reports that he spent some time in December in the ice and snow of Bavaria, visiting old friends and places. He returned to a wintry Norfolk, VA. ✷ In June 1999, **Richard Westfall** retired as business manager for the Greenfield, MA, YMCA. He's enjoying retirement very much, while volunteering at the local hospital, walking his golden retriever, reading, and kayaking. The YMCA still asks him to assist the new business manager from time to time. ✷ John and **Judy Phinney Stearns** travel back and forth between Glastonbury and Bridgewater, VT, where they are very involved with the Catamount Trail Assoc. They work on the trail, build bridges with the Forest Service, and help to raise funds to protect the trail. If anyone would like more information on the 300-mile back country ski trail that runs the entire length of the state, get in touch with the Stearns. Judy has also been the chair of the Republican Town Committee in Glastonbury—a huge responsibility and practically a full-time job! ✷ While they live in Fort Myers, **Tom** and Lois Guernsey '58 **Woolsey** spend much of the winter in their motor home at Big Pine Key, FL. They like the close-knit campground community and loads of activities, including windsurfing. Last year they sailed their trimaran to the Tortugas and back to Fort Myers. Although they missed reunion, they did make it to Middlebury in September to visit daughter Tami Woolsey Munford '82 and her husband David '72. Howard Munford is still sharp and witty at 89. ✷ **Jody Newmarker Crum** and Dick had the best seats at

the Rose Bowl Parade, in the secured area of the TV cameras. Their itinerary also included "The Glory of Christmas" presented at the Crystal Cathedral. This wonderful trip celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary! ✷ In November, Jack and **Diane White Matthews** traveled to Salt Lake City and Park City, home of the Winter Olympics. Since their niece lives in Silver Creek and works in Park City, they had an "insider's" tour of the area and Olympic venues. She is a ski instructor, involved with the games. In early spring, Diane was planning a trip to China with a friend from her Pan Am days. They were to cruise down the Yangtze to see the three gorges area before it is flooded by the world's largest dam. ✷ As soon as **Wendy Buehr Murphy** announced to her husband, children, and friends that she was going to retire from the writing business in 2001, she promptly had several plum assignments land in her lap, offers that were too good to refuse. How could she turn down the chance to do the 175-year history of Yale-New Haven Hospital, one of the first and best hospitals in the nation. The book came out this fall and was declared by the former chief of staff as "the resource to which all future historians will turn when they are looking for the seminal and authoritative standard" on early medicine in Connecticut. Congratulations, Wendy! Also out in recent months was her book *Spare Parts*, a history of artificial body parts—from the first mechanical hands (for knights who lost their own in battle in medieval times) to current artificial hearts, legs, eyes, noses, hair, etc. A seemingly macabre, but actually very engaging and upbeat story that she enjoyed writing immensely. And soon to appear is another for the same publisher (Millbrook), entitled *Orphan Diseases*, about a host of rare conditions from achondroplasia to sickle cell and Tourette's. All that's left to occupy her now is writing health newsletters for Oxford Health Plan, which she can do while gardening, kayaking on the Housatonic, etc. Wendy is still working on retiring and to show her best intentions they were off to southern France for 10 days this spring. They still do their island thing for six weeks every summer, going to their own little Blueberry Island off the coast of Downeast Maine, where they live a fairly primitive life with no electricity, a solar shower, rainwater to drink, and plenty of foraging for the good things that come out of the sea. The Murphys have been fortunate enough to entice visitors such as **Zane Hickcox Kotker**, **Florence Hildreth White**, and **Debbie Shepard Rinner**. Other Midd classmates are welcome to come by to see what island life is like. Their sons share a house in Milford, CT, while one goes to grad school in New Haven and the other develops software. ✷ When **Vernon Gray** retired from teaching in 1990, they moved permanently to East Burke, VT, where his property (purchased in 1982) includes a large sugar bush. He has had the pleasure of building up his maple syrup production for nearly 20 years. It's a labor of love for nearly nine months of the year. The three months off are spent sailing along the Maine coast in the summer. One special feature of his location in Burke, is that they can roll out of bed and be skiing on Burke Mountain in 15 minutes. "Burke Mountain has no crowds, excellent skiing, and is right here in the center of the Northeast Kingdom." They're very happy to be not far from Middlebury and have many Middlebury alumni nearby as friends.

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Come one, come all to Reunion! Renewed acquaintances become more precious the older we get. See you soon! ✷ As of the beginning of 2002, **Polly Pitcher Gabriel** has retired as director of the Hospice Shop. ✷ Did you all see **Mary Beth Porter** Halloween evening in the San Francisco chorus concert version of *Sweeney Todd?* If you missed her, look for a repeat. She is the chorus member on the far left. She says, "It was a great joy to perform." Mary Beth also manages an H&R Block district office during tax season and works at ticket services for the San Francisco Giants in the baseball season. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Barbara Wicks** on November 6. The condolences of the class are extended to her family. ✷ **Derek Evans** was one of 26,000 volunteers at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Due to extreme security resulting from the September 11 tragedy the volunteers will be spokespeople for the athletes and coaches. Following the regular Olympics, Derek will volunteer at the special Olympics. The benefit to the volunteers is the fun of being there, Olympic uniforms, special gifts, and having their names inscribed on a permanent monument. Good work, Derek.

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Dottie Bigelow Neuberger was among five residents of Addison County receiving Bicentennial Citizens' Medals on November 2. The Medals were presented "to residents of Addison County who have helped strengthen the community, and whose service has been sustained and distinguished. Oftentimes, their efforts have gone unrecognized for many years." Dottie worked for 27 years for the Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC), based primarily at Middlebury Union High School. She continues to work as a part-time substitute in special and alternative education programs, as a consultant for CSAC, and as an instructor at the Community College of Vermont (CCV). A former member of the Middlebury school board and a former trustee and chair of the Porter Hospital board, she's a current member of the board of directors for the statewide organization Youth Empowerment. Dottie is also the winner of the Governor's Award for Service to Children and the CCV Outstanding Instructor Medal. ✷ We regret to report the death of **John Castelli** on December 1, 2001. We send the condolences of the class to his wife, **Patricia Tibone Castelli**, and to daughter Michelle Castelli Clancy, who graduated from Middlebury in 1982.

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Class Secretaries: *Nancy McKnight Smith (nmcks@chesapeake.net), P.O. Box 349, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; and Don Woodworth (dewoody13@hotmail.com), 32 Merritt Rd., S. Glens Falls, NY 12803.*

Ann Biggar Prewitt was responsible for the redesign of the Discovery Room which opened in mid-2001 in the Museum of Natural History in New York. After 9/11, the museums in New York—including the Museum of Natural History—experienced a drastic drop in attendance. However, when a group of us visited the Discovery Room in mid-October, there was a long line of parents and children waiting to get in. Ann welcomed them at the door and then was down on the floor with the youngsters and their families, describing artifacts and encouraging problem solving. In a time when most people our age are happily retiring, Ann has more energy and enthusiasm for her work than someone half her age. ✷ **Granthia Lavery Preston** was in the winter edition of the magazine—in the wedding photo section with all the young people! Daughter Lynelle Preston '91 married Dick Cameron '94 in June 2001. Granthia writes: "I gave them a framed aerial photo of the Middlebury campus, taken in 1927 by my dad, who was in the Class of 1928. We spent Christmas backpacking in Patagonia, Chile, with daughter Camille, son Brooks, and friend Lila." ✷ **Anne Martin Hartmann** writes: "We are getting excited about our forthcoming family reunion in New Zealand. Believe me, these things don't happen often—like maybe this is a once-in-a-lifetime event—but we are thrilled that it seems to be taking shape. I love the idea of the other children learning more about daughter Cassie's life and of course, her area of New Zealand." [Cassie Hartmann Roe '91 lives in New Zealand.] ✷ **Nancy Smoller Le Floch** is constantly writing new lesson plans and creating new curricula for her teaching. For Christmas, her children (including Patrick Le Floch '88 and Kerstin Carlson Le Floch '92) and grandchildren joined her and Jean Pierre at their home in France. ✷ **Lucy Paine Kezar**, who has a background in publishing, is a speaker, trainer, writer and consultant. (Visit Lucy on her business Web site: www.bigfoot.com/~KezarTraining.) Among topics she teaches are business and technical writing, public speaking, and time and stress management. She is a columnist and photographer for the New Hampshire Seacoast Newspapers. In the past she has been an editor in book publishing, an advertising creative director, and a staff writer-photographer with the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Lucy sings in a chorale and is active in various community activities. Her husband, Randy, is enjoying retirement after years as a computer consultant, engineer, and manager. They have two grown sons. When vacationing in France, they have visited **Nancy Smoller Le Floch** and her husband, Jean Pierre. ✷ **Jan Fenwick** writes: "Our past year began in Saudi Arabia (a Stanford tour) and our 'get-away' time ended in our tranquil cabin in New

When Scott Riccio '94 (center) married Angela Romanski in Elmhurst, IL, on September 23, his best man was his father, David Riccio '59 (right). Also in attendance was Patrick J. Reinkemeyer '87 (left), Scott's colleague at Morningstar, Inc.

Hampshire, not long after the horror and sadness of 9/11. Our life here in the S.F. Bay Area has been a bit hectic, but quite interesting nevertheless. Bob is now on the city council (retired—HA!) and I am still on the water board and involved in several environmental causes. Another chunk of time has been the rewarding and demanding volunteer job of obtaining 17 speakers a year for a morning forum group of 570 members. Would love to see anyone coming to S.F. and the Bay Area!" ✷ **Mary Charles Blakebrough** graduated from Coach University (www.coachu.com) and gained her first international client in Bristol, England, late last year. ✷ **Phil Buley** reports that he and Pam spent a most enjoyable summer vacation visiting the museums and art collections in Venice, Florence, and Rome. Highlights were a full day at Pompeii, and of course, the Vatican Museum. Phil continues to enjoy his (almost) retirement. His remaining time is spent woodworking, visiting and/or entertaining family, and enjoying the wonderful Cornwall countryside. ✷ **Susan "Sukey" Tallman Walter** has been recovering from fracturing her heel last May. She keeps busy with volunteer projects, both her own and her husband's. When asked what she was looking forward to in 2002, she responded: "More time with my grandchildren. We have four—all on the West Coast. A trip to China in March/April with Elderhostel (one of the advantages of getting older). We had a marvelous time on an Elderhostel trip to New Zealand last year. And of course less economic woes for the country and an end to terrorism."

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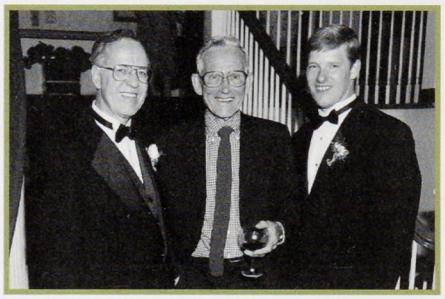
Dick Atkinson's new e-mail is tuskeratki@aol.com. ✷ **Pete** and **Jean Emrich Battelle** have a new grandson, born in June, and a new car—which they drove across country, camping and visiting children. Pete's still teaching, but beginning to see the end of the tunnel. ✷ **Janie Cain Bell** frequently accompanies husband Philip on business trips to Switzerland. While there, they usually visit family and friends in Europe. When home in NJ, Janie volunteers at Waterloo Village, a restored 19th-century canal village, where she wears her Victorian costume while spinning in the weaving barn. ✷ **Joe Bujold** continues his adventure with Harvest Board, the factory now built and running in Fargo, ND. Living in Vermont enabled Joe to ski 80 days in the '00-'01 season. He and Lee attended the Midd ski reunion last year in Sun Valley. Lee says she is thrilled with the idea that "Shopping is Patriotic," but she's even more excited about her role of grandmother to Helen and Sophie. ✷ June and **Ralph Cobb** (ralphjune2@earthlink.net) abandoned both work and hometown for a move to Saratoga Springs, NY. Ralph misses work, but not commuting to NYC the better part of 38 years. June wasn't as ready to retire and intends to build a less demanding tutoring schedule in their new area. They use the entertainment and educational opportunities of Skidmore and the easy access to golf and other activities. Ralph says, "Change is good." ✷ The highlight of Elaine and **John Cowan**'s summer was a vacation to Ecuador, Peru, and the Galapagos Islands, where John's lifelong ambition to swim with seals and penguins was fulfilled. "Speedy little devils, with a fondness to nudge and quickly disappear," he says. In Polson, MT, John works in the accreditation arena for the Joint Review Committee on educational programs in nuclear medicine technology. ✷ **Pat Knox Davies** was honored by the Vermont Breast Cancer Network. She received a Community Service Award for organizing and running the "Serve for the Cure" tennis tournaments held at Midd. Earlier last year, she and Doug were in France for both the women's and men's finals of the French Open tennis tournament. Then they traveled through Normandy. In late summer they took a 17-day photo safari in Africa. They spent Thanksgiving back in the San Francisco Bay area. ✷ **Kathryn Olds Falconer** went to Spain in May, the only time she was out of Nebraska the whole year. For Thanksgiving she held a chaotic and fun dinner with 17 people at the house, seven of whom were five and under. ✷ Last year **Loey Boon Hill** enjoyed a trip to China. This summer she plans to go to the opposite extreme, to Hudson Bay. ✷



Enjoying a reception at the Panther Valley Inn in Allamuchy, NJ, Charles Sprigmann Jr. '64 (left) and his cousin, Walter Savage '49 (center), were on hand to celebrate the marriage of Charles Sprigman III on August 11.

While **Anne McKenzie Jourlait** no longer returns to the French Summer School at Midd, she visited her mother and sister who live in Middlebury last summer. ✷ **Ike Krasts** started last year with a trip to Seattle to treat prostate cancer. The successful treatment allowed him to travel to some wild and some civilized places in pursuit of fish, scenery and culture. His 2002 schedule is almost fully booked. He says he has much to be thankful for. ✷ **Breck** and **Sue Hibbert Lardner** visited their far-flung family—Sam and family in Barcelona, Gretchen (Lardner Jaeckel '87) and family in New Jersey, and Peter and family in London. Breck has launched an additional career as a boat broker with Brewer Yacht Sales, representing 17 marinas from Maine to Long Island. Try Brewersyacht.net for your next boat. Sue has a part-time position in the advertising department of Main Street news. Their golf games ebb and flow depending on the frequency of play. ✷ Dud '59 and **Nona Lyons Livingston** still love every minute of Montana; skiing, rafting, and fishing. ✷ During the summer, **Jean MacInnes** started logging her property, widening trails, and building a new earthwork start/finish area for her X-country ski area near Boseman, MT. She hosted the USA X-C ski championships in January '02, the last Olympic trials races before Salt Lake City. ✷ **Carolyn Ladd Maurer** had a visit from Piet and **Sally Porter Hoedemaker**, and was with **Gail Homer** over Thanksgiving. "Those Midd ties and friendships still hold," she says. ✷ Joyce and **Bob Millett** have been kept busy with the weddings and relocations of their children. Before beginning their second summer at their house in Algoma, MI, Joyce and Bob did a one-week bike tour of the islands and shores of Lake Champlain. Joyce retired, so their travels are not restricted to school vacations and approved absences without pay. ✷ **Nancy Mumford Mulvey** says she enjoys retirement more than Don, who recently had hip replacement surgery. Her golf games stay in the same numbers no matter how much she plays. In August Nancy and Don went to Alaska, an advance 40th anniversary present. They had a good time last May at the Midd Cape Tournament, playing with **Breck** and **Sue Hibbert Lardner**. ✷ **Angela Larossa Randall** went to Mexico on a one-week mission trip. With husband John, she traveled to Sicily in April. She reports that trying to speak Italian was a challenge, since half of the people on the tour spoke Spanish. In the fall, they participated in a big family reunion in New Jersey. Living in South Carolina, they visit the beach or the mountains several times each year. ✷ **Lindy Hill Reed** spends her time skiing, hiking, and bicycling, in church committee work, with the AAUW, and speaking to high school kids for Planned Parenthood. She went on a five-day backpack trip in Utah's canyon country: beautiful scenery and wonderful companionship. In October she spent 24 days in China and Nepal. She says we should encourage young people to study Chinese; in China, they are certainly learning English. ✷ **Louisa Potts Salmon** has a second grandchild. Last year they traveled to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; were part of an encampment of a wagon train in Minot, ND; rode a canal boat on the Erie Canal; and even visited Niagara Falls. The crops on their land were so abundant that they were able to donate many bushels to charity. While volunteer work is still on her agenda, babysitting has replaced teaching as Louisa's career of choice. ✷ **Ed Sommers** plays golf and does charity work in Vermont during the warm months, then jumps in the RV when the weather gets cold, visiting friends and family, playing golf whenever he can. Wife Jane Crittenden Sommers '62 joins him, whenever she can escape her work at the Parent Child Center in Middlebury. ✷ **Polly Johnson Stephens** took early retirement from Corning in December. She planned to join her husband on the ski slopes this winter, then do some contract or temp work to keep her brain cells from atrophying. ✷ The big news for **Deborah Wetmore** was the arrival of her first grandchild last summer. In early December, she started off the snow season at Sugarbush with **Judy Falby Tuttle**, Judy on a snow board, Deb on skis. ✷ Bob and **Judy Neese Woods** have moved: great views, less grass, but still in Albuquerque. E-mail woodsr@asme.org. ✷ **Jean Seeler** is sorry she could not include all of the news from your Xmas cards and letters in this column. Send her a post card from your vacation this summer.

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Bill Butler and wife Grace were on hand to cheer the Panthers on to a win over Amherst this winter. Also spotted in the stands were Alan '60 and Jean Yeomans Lamson '62, Nancy and John Sinclair '62, Lynn and Peter Steinle '62, and Bill Harriman '69 and son Peter. ✷ After 40 years in human resources/communications consulting, **John Kerney** retired on April 1. He reports from Cape May, NJ: "During 2001, we added two grandchildren (now five) and orchestrated our fourth (last) wedding. Our youngest, Patrick, had an outstanding third year starting for the Atlanta Falcons. I plan to

spend lots of time working for our older son's memorial fund, Lt. Thomas Kerney C.O.P.S. Fund, which will help children of police officers killed at the WTC obtain professional psychological assistance at camps this summer." ✷ We regret to report the death of **Charlotte Dubois Elfe** on August 14. The condolences of the class are extended to her husband, Wolfgang, and all the family.

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Secretary Roësset reports: I got back on November 8 from yet another self-indulgent foray into the world, justified by trying to keep the airlines in the air, hotel industry functioning, restaurants in business, etc. While hiking in southern Portugal with a British group, I was the only American and hence called the "colonial" and subject to random teasing. ✷ **Neil Potter** (potter@susqu.edu), who received his M.S. degree in chemistry from Middlebury with us in 1962, has been teaching chemistry at Susquehanna Univ. for 36 years and plans to teach four more years. "While I was at Middlebury, I decided teaching was what I wanted to do. Coached soccer at Susquehanna for 13 years (thanks to Middlebury's Joe Marrone) and for the past five years have been coaching the kickers and the punters on the football team. Have a chemistry road show I take into high schools; have been in over 200 high schools and in front of 50,000 high school students the past 25 years." He has remarried and now has seven children, four from his first marriage. Neil reports having "many fond memories of Middlebury—every time I sing in a quartet, I remember singing along with the Dissipated Eight. Only do cross-country skiing now." ✷ **Will Strong** (wstrong@vnet.net) says that he has been very fortunate to do exactly what he wanted to do in life: make a career in international management. After graduation from Midd, he went to the American Graduate School for International Management in Arizona. A Spanish major, he has been able to use the language throughout his career, speaking now almost daily with business contacts in Central and South America. One of the greatest vacations he and wife Linda have taken was a six-day hike up the West Highland Way from Glasgow to Fort William. They have hiked up and down the High Sierra and will be doing more abroad since his business takes him overseas. A hint for other hikers: "Check out the Stanford bookstore in London and plan to spend at least three or four hours. Take the Picadilly line up to Leicester Square and it's two to three blocks from there. Go there and discover!" ✷ **Liza Dunphy Fischer** says she is really looking forward to reunion. She reports: "Last year was a busy one for me, mostly focused on one big adventure. In November I went to Vietnam (Da Nang) with Medical Ministries International. I had been planning this with two girl friends for a year and, although we were nervous about traveling after 9/11, we were not about to cancel. It was an eye clinic (cataracts) and I was a 'general helper' (organized the supply room, sterilized instruments, ran errands). We loved the other people in the group and found the whole experience to be an interesting and meaningful way to visit a country. The Vietnamese are a hard working resilient people. We were amazed at what they can carry on a bicycle—baskets, children, pigs, even large plate glass windows! They were also very welcoming to us Americans. The three of us traveling companions got along famously. We included a trip to Hong Kong, Cambodia (Angkor Wat), and ended up cooking Thanksgiving dinner for 17 people in Singapore. We were gone a month, and I was barely ready to come home. ✷ Also planning to attend reunion is **Tim Barnett**. Tim has had some amazing experiences. Before an accident that changed his life, he was head of the Adirondack branch of the Nature Conservancy and played an important role in protecting 240,000 acres in the Adirondacks. His interest in planning a new national park in the high country of Krygyzstan (northeast of Iran) led to three trips there in 1997. While traveling by horseback during the third trip, he had an accident which shattered a vertebra and left him able to use only one arm and capable of walking only a few steps. Now a VP of the Nature Conservancy, Tim and wife Claire live in Saratoga Springs. ✷ We certainly look forward to seeing everyone in Middlebury at our 40th, May 31-June 2. See you there!

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Class Secretary: *John Vecchiolla (vecchiolla@juno.com), 193 Byram Rd., Greenwich, CT 06830.*

John Wallach appeared on the *Today* show on November 20. His organization, Seeds of Peace, received more than $50,000 from friends and relatives of Phil Rosenzweig, one of the victims of the World Trade Center Tragedy. Seeds of Peace brings together teenagers from conflict-ridden countries in the Middle East at a camp in Maine each summer. The teenagers return to their countries with new friends and a new set of conflict resolution skills. ✷ **Nancy Spanier** continues to teach at the Univ. of CO in the department of theatre and dance. For several months each year she makes France her home base for artistic projects, including making dance films, touring with one-man cabarets, creating theatre pieces, and teaching workshops. She recently finished a very successful performance/teaching tour of Germany and Denmark. ✷ L & M Creations, of which **Chet Meyer** is a partner, will unveil the "Read-Along and Listen" edition of *The Tooth Fairy Legend: The Touch of Kindness* at BookExpo America 2002 at New York City's Javits Center, May 3-5. This premiere version of the story will feature a double-CD set of the narrated story and music from the family musical of the same name. ✷ **Wibs McLain** (wmclain@sover.net), of West Berlin, VT, has been seeing a lot of **Tim Hayward** (who does NOT wear three-piece suits), as both are working on Jim Douglas's "kitchen cabinet." Jim '72 has launched his Vermont gubernatorial campaign. Wibs also reports that, after many years, she had a fine visit with **Julie Sage Day** and her family.

Jim Cush, Nancy Meehan Cush '64, Faith Post Weldon '64, John Weldon, Kristie Knudsen Schimpf '63, Bob Schimpf, Marian Demas Baade '64, and Martin Baade gathered in Tarrytown, NY, for the happy occasion of the marriage of Cheryl Silverman and Peter Schimpf September 2.

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T Tall reports: Heather and **Adin Tooker** (P.O. Box 16, Brooksville, ME 04617; e-mail amtooker@acadia.net) retired to Maine in 2000. They lived in a rented house in Blue Hill for a year while building their retirement home and are now permanently located in Brooksville. Adin writes: "We have been coming to this area for about 30 years and have always wanted to retire here. I got tired of work and discovered we could afford to retire, so we did. Both our kids are grown and married. The Midd graduate (Morris '91) now lives in London and has a new son. Our second son has his master's in entomology and has gone back to the Univ. of IL (Urbana) to work on his Ph.D. He got married on Mt. Desert Island in September. Heather and I are really enjoying retirement and the new home. I have a great workshop with windows and am looking forward to filling a large number of requests for furniture." ✷ **Fred Stetson**'s photographs were showcased last November at the Chaffee Art Center in Rutland, VT. Fred shows his work at Frog Hollow Galleries in Middlebury, Burlington, and Manchester. He also teaches photography workshops in Burlington. ✷ And this from Jim Warburton '62: "I am still living outside of Atlanta. Officially, I am retired, but have been working as a visiting professor at Georgia State Univ. for a couple of years. I haven't been back to New England in a long, long time, but, some day . . . I talked with Bill Dalsimer '62 last week. He is thinking about going to live in Spain." ✷ The Class of 1965 Fund had a market value of $780,973.59 as of June 30, 2001. A portion (five percent on average the past few years) of this endowed fund is spent each year on financial aid. That's about $39,000 and should really help some families.

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As your new contacts for sharing your news, we hope that you'll get in touch with either of us when you discover new interests or develop ones you've had for a long time. Lately, many of us have gained a renewed appreciation of the simple pleasures in life. Please let us know what's on your mind and what you're doing in this new and interesting decade. ✷ **Francine Clark Page**: I'm enjoying my 13th year of teaching writing at Champlain College in Burlington, VT. This year I meet one class in the classroom, one class online, and two classes through two-way video to Tel Aviv. Although there's a lot of preparation involved in adapting instruction to different modes of delivery, I like both the planning end and the interactions with students. My husband and I enjoy seeing as

much as possible of our daughters (26 and 29). In fact, I just finished helping Elizabeth update her resumé in anticipation of a move to New Mexico. We'll miss her, but we'll be in touch. ✷ **Mark O'Reilly**: I have a new job as VP of marketing for Grand Elk, a golf course real estate development, located west of Winter Park Ski Resort. Although I'm a non-golfer, I'm looking forward to getting some playing tips from our course designer, Craig "The Walrus" Stadler. ✷ **Diane Watson Carter** couldn't make our June reunion because she had just returned from a trip to Bermuda and needed to spend some time with her mom (90), who's well but needs help with shopping and personal errands. Diane is enjoying the adventures of her grown-up children (24 and 27) and is very involved with her businesses, Feather Your Nest (interior design) and Elephant Lifters (magnetic and infrared products for health). She writes: "'Feathering' was always my favorite thing to do, but now I'm torn between the two—I LOVE helping people enjoy their home, but it's even MORE rewarding to get or keep them healthy, energetic, and feeling better than great!" ✷ We also heard from **Tom Easton**. He reports that "it's hard to believe that I have now been retired from the FBI for 18 months. I'm still enjoying flying the Gulfstream IV aircraft for Executive Jet International in worldwide travel. Kathy and I now have six (6) grandchildren and we enjoy them immensely!" ✷ **Virginia Backus Wilcox** is excited to report that son Graham, a filmmaker, has started on his first "paid" film project. ✷ **M. Burke Walker** recently returned to his native Virginia to stage the Truman Capote-based *Holiday Memories* at Theatre Virginia. His parents, who live at Westminster-Canterbury in Virginia Beach, were planning to attend *Holiday Memories*. Burke did his graduate studies in theatre at the Univ. of WA in Seattle. He later headed the graduate directing program at Washington and cofounded Seattle's innovative Empty Space Theatre, where he was artistic director for two decades. Four years ago, he moved to NYC to freelance and he's now excited about theatre "in the hinterlands." ✷ **Steve Heidel** reports that daughter Sarah has completed a federal court clerkship and is practicing law (following in her mother's footsteps). Son Will '99 was in Australia, nearing the end of an around-the-world trip with his fiancée. ✷ **Jane Graham Sutherland**, who has retired from teaching Spanish, reports that she is working on a historical novel about the Caribbean during the era of the buccaneers. She and her husband planned a February ski trip to Vail, where they have a condo, and they spend their summers on Elk Lake near Traverse City, MI. ✷ As of June 2001, **Carol Wright** has retired from her job as coordinator of the gifted and talented programming for the Monona Grove School District. She writes: "I have recently been involved with local land-use planning and wrote the vision statement for the town of Oregon, WI."

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Secretary Patterson reports: Alex and I have been having great fun planning activities for reunion, May 31-June 2. Mark those days off on your calendar and make plans to come back to Middlebury. There are fantastic air-flight deals, so check them out and make your reservations. If you're a golfer (or a hacker) make sure you arrive by Friday noon to play in our classmate scramble at the college golf course. Reservations back home should be as late as possible on Sunday so that you can join us at the Davis-Patterson camp on Lake Dunmore for Dog Team sticky buns at brunch and lake activities through the afternoon. If you haven't sent your class survey back to the alumni office, please do so ASAP. If you've lost yours, go online at www.middlebury.edu and look for it under our class reunion page (or call the alumni office and ask for another one). With creeping age and increasingly scary world events, we need and want to be with old friends more than ever. We were "in it" together for four significant years and are progressing through our life stages together still. Stay connected and come back to your family of classmates. [Note to all: On your next campus visit, stop by the college security office (basement of Carr) to get your free alumni ID for admittance to the world class sports facilities now on campus. Bring work-out clothes, swim suit, tennis racket, hiking boots, and golf clubs with you to reunion!] ✷ **Margaret Clark Jackson** wrote while she and **Peter** were down in Brazil for a month: "Peter just retired from Chevron (petroleum engineer) last November, and I work as a free-lance legal translator (Portuguese to English), which I can do here (Sao Paulo, where I still have an apartment), there (Houston, where he has a house) or anywhere! We are currently most interested in the ANYWHERE. We ordered up an SUV, blush though we may, and expect to put on a lot of mileage this year—after we get Brazilian beaches and churrascos with caipirinhas out of our systems. The new year was magical, on the beach with about 30 friends, all dressed in white, candles sparkling in the sand, fireworks, hugs and kisses all around. We jumped our seven waves into the new year. What great energy! We've both had some health problems, but feel we are on our way out. Certainly we are doing all we can to have a long, healthy old age to look forward to together—regular medical stuff, plus holistic, reiki, meditation, yoga, energy medicine, diet, fasting, shiatsu, etc. Seems to be working. And leaves us no time whatsoever to be bored!" They will be with us for reunion in May. ✷ **Patty Ramsey** is "busy driving two kids places, working still at Mt. Holyoke College, fighting with local developers over a proposed research park on our street. Thank goodness for our relaxed summers in Maine and holiday getaways to our family cabin in Ripton, VT. One long-term project—a resource book on multicultural education—has finally been completed (est. publication, summer 2002). In the aftermath of September 11, I have been thinking and talking a lot about how multicultural education can be applied to combat anti-Arab prejudice and to help children get a broader perspective on what causes terrorism. I am also pursuing some new but related interests: children and the media and children's awareness of the natural environment. I'm also doing lots of skiing (30 days last season), reprising my 'I'd-rather-ski-than-study' philosophy at college." ✷ **Barry** and **Laraine Dunn Kasprow** are "looking forward to renewing old acquaintances at reunion, and hope everything transpires so we can be there." They also hope to play in the golf event. Barry writes: "Golf is one thing I have kept up steadily all my life, and Laraine resumed playing about four years ago. A homemaker for most of our 35-plus years together, Laraine recently got her master's in social work and did some work in that field. In April 2000, I retired from the National Security Agency after 33 years of service—quite something since, in 1967, I took it as an 'interim' job! I left behind a record I can be proud of. (Although, after 9/11, I DO wish we had been successful in nailing UBL before he could do this terrible deed. I can tell you from personal experience, it wasn't for lack of trying!) After I left government service, I took a position with Scitor (Herndon, VA), a Scientific, Engineering, and Technical Advisory (SETA) company serving mostly government agencies. I enjoyed the work, but look forward to being fully retired. We bought our retirement place at the Delaware seashore, using it intermittently until we can be there full time. Our plan is to spend a good deal of time traveling throughout the U.S., probably in an RV or travel trailer." The Kasprows are grandparents now, thanks to their oldest son, Dan, who owns a computer business in Columbia, MD. Younger son Stephen is a senior at a private high school. Daughter Dawn got her master's in vocal performance from the Manhattan School of Music in May 2001. She joined the U.S. Army and was selected from among 300 applicants for the sole soprano vacancy in the U.S. Army Field Band Soldiers Chorus! ✷ Once again **Steve Nelson**'s architectural firm, Moser Pilon Nelson Architects, is working to make the Middlebury campus more functional and attractive. They are redesigning the old hockey arena into a recreational sports facility. Bumping in to Steve at a Midd hockey game in the new Kenyon arena in November, he told me he had been working out how to install an indoor golf driving range in the Nelson arena space. Once that's up and running, **Gary Margolis** may be holding his classes on the plastic chipping grass. ✷ **Lee Powers Smith**'s new job is VP for external affairs with the Fund for the Arts in Louisville, KY. She reports that it is "similar to a United Way in that it raises the money and allocates it to 14 various art organizations, based on their application and need. Lee and husband Prentice will be at reunion in May and say they will plan on the Sunday Lake Dunmore outing. (Hint, hint, to everyone else.) ✷ **Nancy Jope Delaney** writes: "Our lives have settled down into the retirement phase. Which for us means we sold our CT home and now split our time between Cape Cod and Florida. With what is going on these days, we feel quite fortunate to be blessed with the lifestyle we are now leading and to have good health as well. It is not something I would have planned on many years ago, but we are loving it and have not found boredom to be a problem. Actually I am now doing those things that I always wished I had time for when I worked. Our e-mail in both Chatham, MA, and Nokomis, FL, is bndelaney@aol.com." ✷ **David Robinson** is "still working full time as voyage coordinator for the Barque *Picton Castle*, a square-rigger devoted to making adventure sail-around-the-world voyages. Felicia is a certified nurse-midwife at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua, NH. Remember that Felicia and I had a toddler at the last reunion in 1997? This reunion William will be seven, and is happily attending first grade at the Pine Hill Waldorf School in Wilton, NH. In February 2001, we had a great adventure when Felicia, William, and I escaped the NH winter and flew to Tahiti to sail with the *Picton Castle* for three weeks. We also visited islands in the French Polynesia group, with an average air and ocean temperature of 87 degrees. We adults even came home with Polynesian tattoos. Our biggest news is that we are adopting Tonya (11), a Russian girl from the Boarding School of Gagarin in the Smolensk region. She

spent six weeks with us last summer, as part of KidSave USA's Summer Miracles 2001 program. We look forward to seeing many classmates over Reunion 2002 weekend!"

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Dan Curry checks in with yet another (his fifth) Emmy for best special visual effects for the final *Star Trek Voyager* episode, "End Game." He is now producing the visual effects for the new Star Trek series: *Enterprise*. His son, Devin, is a sophomore at USC School of Cinema. ✷ In Great Barrington, MA, third generation veterinarian **Donald Gulick** and his veterinarian wife, Claire, have purchased Bilmar Small Animal clinic from Donald's mother, Dr. Marguerite Gulick. Grandfather Dr. Eugene Brielman operated the practice for 50 years prior to his death in 1974. Specializing in dogs and cats, the Gulicks offer state-of-the-art medical care and will even make house calls. The Gulicks have two daughters, one a teacher at Berkshire Country Day School and one a student at Berkshire Community College.

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Putty Clark (pdc@clarkhawaii.com) sends an update: "I am married with three adopted children from China, Paraguay, and Honolulu. I have been in the real estate business for 20 years and have my own company, Clark Realty Corp., on the Big Island of Hawaii. The Web address is www.clarkhawaii.com for anyone interested in a glimpse of what's happening here."

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Secretary Desrochers reports: We will be sending cards to the class, in small groups, over the next year. Please answer those cards when you get 'em and send us your news for this column. If you want to reply sooner, write to us at the addresses above. I am a radiologist, and I'm working half time for a year and learning to fly a helicopter. Most challenging! Elsa is a flight instructor, as of November. Max (Annapolis '03) hopes to be a carrier pilot and Danielle is a third-year med student at Wake Forest. ✷ Our news for this column seems to be heavily weighted in the direction of California. **Tom DeRogatis** (tomdero@aol.com) and wife Teresa are working together in a women's clothing manufacturing business called Hot Cotton. Daughter Rachael (11) is in sixth grade and daughter Talia (8) is in third. Tom writes from Manhattan Beach, CA: "Missed 30th reunion. Between school work, sports, other activities for the girls, and business travel (five or six extended business trips per year), was just not excited about the prospect of one more trip. Thanks for reaching out and encouraging all to correspond." ✷ Still in L.A., **Bee Ottinger** (bee@thedailybuzzz.com) is "still editing commercials and music videos, but am beginning to feel those darn Gen-X'ers nipping at my heels. I've started to take photographs again, which I first discovered at Middlebury. I send daily photos through e-mail to people now, and have a Web site at www.thedailybuzzz.com (that's 3 z's). Contact me through that site—I'd love to hear from you." ✷ **Paul Sabin** (sabinpaul@hotmail.com) left Middlebury in '68 and received a B.A. in history from the Univ. of WA in Seattle: "Nowadays I live in Grass Valley, CA, where I have a small earth moving biz, teach skiing at Sugar Bowl, and hand build clay sculpture. Midlife crisis? Not me." ✷ **Birgit Jacobsen (McCone)** (birgitmc@pacbell.net) writes: "Two things: I have reverted to my maiden name of Jacobsen, and I remarried in August of 2001. Karl Bollig is German, and this coming year, when his new company gets going, we will set up housekeeping in Germany near his European branch, and in Denmark near my family. This in addition to our home in the San Francisco Bay Area. You can become mobile again when children have all left for college and beyond, especially when they are rooting for you to establish several home bases, so they have places to go. My interior design and color consulting business is going well. It's part teaching, part psychology, part cheerleading, negotiating, and most of all multitasking at all hours." ✷ From Studio City, CA, **Mark Wolff** (RitzBros@aol.com) writes that he "authored Hitchcock Poster Art in 1999 to coincide with the director's centennial. It's available from Overlook Press in bookstores and online." ✷ **Kate Mead** reports from Santa Barbara that "life has been relatively stable over the past 20 years: same job, same home, same husband. To prevent midlife crisis, we have allowed ourselves the luxury of some great travel vacations, not believing we should wait for retirement to see the world. Our travels always involve sports—hiking, biking, kayaking, windsurfing. Retirement from teaching is on the foreseeable horizon for me. I hope to add to the travels while maintaining a purpose to my life. I haven't figured that out yet, but I'm working on it." ✷ Congratulations to **Al Perry**, who received a Presidential Award from President Bush on October 15. The Presidential Rank Award is the nation's second highest award for federal service. Al is director of VA Central California Health Care system. ✷ **Sally Stine Rockholt** (sallyrockholt@yahoo.com) writes from Bakersfield, CA: "Our daughter, Lisa, is a sophomore at UC Berkeley. She was accepted at Midd, but decided to stay closer to home. It is nice to be able to visit her fairly often and we love the Bay area. If we want snow, we go to Mammoth! I was recently promoted to assistant chief probation officer for the county. It is an exciting job and I look forward to some challenges before I retire in a couple years. I had a chance to visit with **Rhoda Highsaw Bush** and **Sue Porter Beffel** in the DC area over the Fourth of July. We had a good time catching up with all our activities. We try to fit in as much travel as possible. We look forward to relocating after retirement, but will probably stay in the northern California area, as it is close to kids and grandkids. As was the rest of the world, we were shocked and saddened with the events of September 11 and the aftermath. My daughter and I had been in NYC in April of 2001, seeing the sights—including the WTC towers. It seems impossible they are now gone. I enjoy reading the news in the Midd magazine and hope others take a few minutes to tell us what they are doing. It does make it easier with e-mail!"

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Barbara J. Horiuchi writes from the Windy City: "Life is good. I am with Jones Lang LaSalle in the Aon Cente (which used to be the Amoco Building), the next tallest building in Chicago after the Sears Tower. My most recently read book was *Chi Fitness*, exploring our chakras and aspects of energy relative to our bodies. I have been a member of a small discussion group for the past four years that explores spirituality and different religious perspectives. *A Course in Miracles, Flow, The Tibetan Book on Death and Dying, Seat of the Soul, Chopra, Mary Ann Williams*, and a lot of Jungian and New Age reading. It's been a rewarding experience overall. On a personal note, my husband and I live in a brownstone in the Gold Coast in downtown Chicago and enjoy our urban lifestyle. We have no children and only one car, which is difficult for many suburbanites/country folk to understand. We enjoy our visits to Colorado for skiing and the Caribbean for windsurfing. We have had the occasion to visit **Jeff** and **Susie Elmendorf Roberts** in Hudson, WI, on our trips to Minnesota to visit with my husband's parents. They are well: seven children, two dogs, two birds. Susie still gives swimming lessons, and Jeff's business is doing well. Their oldest daughter, Lucy, graduated from Middlebury in 2000. Hope all is well with you and yours.

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Jennifer Hamlin Church reports: I took up weekly horseback riding a few years ago, and thought I was doing rather well now in my 50s to be riding horses over jumps with the preteen set. However, I was even more impressed to learn that **Denise DeGutis Jernigan** has taken up women's ice hockey! You go, girl! (I'm still waiting to hear from others of you who are doing things today you might not have anticipated in our Midd years.) Denise, a law librarian in Connecticut, is also an avid photographer and enjoyed a trip to the Galapagos Islands last fall with her camera. ✷ **Judy McCormack**, who we all remember with a camera, is enjoying sharing her photography interest with daughter Megan, a high school sophomore. Son Ned is a senior looking toward college. A photo of Judy and kids confirms that Judy is now the shortest in her family—almost a foot shorter than Ned! Judy recently began singing with the Acton (MA) Community Chorus and reports that "the woman next to me was shocked that I had Thompson's 'Alleluia' memorized—thanks to Emory Fanning 30 years ago!" ✷ **Debby Soule McIlrevey**, writing from Madison, CT, probably speaks for many of us: "We are okay, but struggling with the after-effects of 9/11. Almost everyone in financial services knew people who were lost." ✷ In the weeks immediately following 9/11, I heard many reports from Afghanistan on NPR filed by **Anne Garrells**, who entered Midd with us but transferred after two years. I have enjoyed Anne's insightful reporting from Asia for a long time (hers is one NPR voice I always recognize) and I listened closely to a November story from Kabul where it was clear that Anne, reporting on the primitive conditions in which reporters were trying to work, had

a terrible cold and laryngitis. Afghanistan was not a great place to be sick when I was there in 1970, and it sounded far worse in Anne's report; so I was relieved to hear her voice a few weeks later, proving that she'd recovered. ✷ We offer our condolences to the families and friends of **Eric Spengler**, who died December 11, 2001, and **Linda Reeves Pettit**, who died October 23, 2001. Memorials for Eric and Linda appear elsewhere in this issue. I am sorry not to have more information about Eric, but can share some insight into Linda's death, which came after an 18-month battle with ovarian cancer. **Kathy Mulligan Lord, Mary Kate Sullivan Cox, Nancy Morgan Serpa**, and **Becky Patterson Bruns** had visited together with Linda in France last March, during a period of remission. Although her condition deteriorated through spring and summer, "she never lost her zest for life," according to Mary Kate, who remembers Linda three days before she died, "up on a ladder painting the trim of a farmhouse she had recently bought." Kathy Lord gave the eulogy at Linda's funeral in Canton, NY, where Linda was VP for advancement at St. Lawrence Univ. ✷ **Nan Gebhard Henry** died in April 2001 Her memorial appeared in an earlier issue. Nan's sister wrote recently, remembering Nan's career as a news reporter and editor for a variety of publications. ✷ **Charli Fulton** wrote recently remembering **Gavin Cullen** (whose June 2001 death was announced earlier) as "the quintessential extrovert." At Midd, he was a guitarist, a singer with the D-8, and a wee hours WRMC broadcaster: "the DJ in his pj's—talks to more women in bed each morning than most men do in a lifetime!" Gavin, Charli wrote, "appreciated life in all its fullness and determined to be happy regardless of whatever difficulties arose." ✷ With the approach of our 30th Reunion, I am struck by what a difference five years makes. I can't speak for everyone, but I sense that at least some of us have been sobered a bit by life since our wonderful 25th. At that reunion, we thumbed our noses at the 50th birthdays still ahead and celebrated the fact that we were, indeed, still crazy after all these years. Some of us still had very young children; **Gavin Cullen**'s wife was expecting. Graying hair aside, we still seemed possessed of the fountain of youth. Turning 50 has been a bigger deal than perhaps we expected. It seems incredible that we are announcing the deaths of two classmates and remembering two others who died in the past year. September 11 struck close to home for many of us. More than a few of us have had brushes with cancer and other serious illness. As a class, we may be less carefree now than we were a few years ago. Nonetheless, many—I hope all—of us continue growing in new directions, trying new things, adjusting creatively to new circumstances. I encourage everyone to come back to Midd for our 30th Reunion, older, wiser, maybe more grateful for our past, present, and whatever the future holds. And still ready for a good time! See you there.

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Last November, **David Twichell** of the U.S. Geological Survey was on campus to speak on "Geology in Lake Mead, Behind the Hoover Dam." His research project on sedimentation in Lake Mead has social and environmental implications, and also relates to the deep-sea sedimentary processes. ✷ Paintings by **Anne Cady** were featured at the Frog Hollow Vermont State Craft Center in Middlebury last fall. Entitled "A Celebration of Color," Anne's work was chosen because it celebrates Vermont's spectacular fall color. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Charles Dixon** on October 15 and send the condolences of the class to his family. A memorial appeared in the winter issue.

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As a journalist in Zimbabwe, **Sandy Meldrum** (andymel@mweb.co.zw) has found himself in a difficult situation. In a February 6 message to Barry, he writes: "Robert Mugabe, 78, and in power for 22 years, is running for re-election. His campaign consists of having his supporters beat, torture, and kill anyone associated with the opposition. Lots of repression. The economy is spiraling downwards. He is also attacking the press and in the past few weeks the minister of information has named me as a terrorist, a saboteur, a threat to national security, an agent of international intelligence, and a liar. Does that fit with the guy you remember from Middlebury? The good part is the great solidarity that I have with Zimbabwean journalists. We are standing together and it is very gratifying. Despite (or maybe because of) all the state-sponsored violence, it looks like the opposition candidate could win." Sandy was being interviewed that night for the NPR program, *Fresh Air*. Greg heard the interview and messaged Sandy (in part): "I just heard you on *Fresh Air* a little while ago, on the San Diego PBS radio station. I just wanted to drop you a note to let you know how much I respect your hanging in there and continuing to do the tough reporting. Of course I hope you won't put yourself in any more danger than you may already be, and that you are right about the prospects for freedom and democracy in Zimbabwe. Eventually truth and freedom will prevail, hopefully soon. It's all a long way from the days of hanging out in the SDUs, isn't it? Best of luck to you, and thanks for fighting the good fight. As you said, what is happening in Zimbabwe might make a difference for all of Africa, and even globally. Stay safe and well, and I'm looking forward to that next interview with Terry Gross." We hope to continue our report in the next issue. Sandy also informed us that "**Earl Irving** left Harare a few months ago and is now at the U.S. embassy in Mexico City, which he tells me is really great—good food, fascinating culture, interesting city and people." ✷ While practicing law in Morristown, NJ, **Dan Somers** spends much of his spare time with his family and their horses. Although his eldest child departed for college last fall, he and Julia "still have a very full house occupied by three teenagers, with more driver's licenses and college applications (and bills) on the horizon." ✷ **Bob Hutton** is in his 24th year of teaching music, German, chemistry, and physics at the high school in a village of 1,000 (mostly Tlingit Indians) in southeast Alaska. He and his family spend summers enjoying a variety of activities, including bareboat sail charters, kayaking down the Stikine River from British Columbia to Petersburg, AK, and biking rail trails. Bob says, "If you have kids old enough to have some stamina and young enough to want to go with you, e-mail me at bhutton@hoonah.net to get some recommendations for rail trail trips in PA and MD." ✷ If you're looking for some peace and quiet, I'd suggest avoiding **Bill Hoyt**'s household in Greeley, CO. Bill continues to work and travel for Earth Systems Education while wife Cathy is still teaching at Union Colony Prep, where she's working on a National Science Foundation grant. Daughter Sarah (14) is an avid gymnast, Aaron (9) is a soccer goalie for an indoor soccer team, and Anna (6) "has a disposition which is best described as brazen and forward; she is likely to get whatever she wants in life." The Hoyts share their home with a dog, a cat, two turtles, and a fish named Molly. ✷ **Chuck** and **Diane Dellamano Brakeley** have both made changes this past year. Chuck still works for Hanover Insurance in Portland, ME, but he's now in the marketing department. He gets to play golf on the job, which makes it a perfect job for him. Diane's father died last spring at 88, and she left her position with an advertising agency to help her mother adjust. She reports: "I found I liked being home. So, I've gone back to sewing. I'm currently making tote bags, combining upholstery fabrics with computer generated images. I may never get beyond local craft shows, but it's a lot of fun." Daughter Jess (Brown '00) is in Burbank, CA, doing portrait photography. Son Dan was at Dartmouth for a year, but decided the liberal arts were not for him. He's now a senior at DigiPen Institute of Technology in Redmond, WA, getting a B.S. in Real-Time Interactive Simulation—computer game programming, the only four-year degree they offer! Last summer, he was paid by Nintendo to play test their games. What a job! ✷ **Amy Howlett** writes: "I'm living in Grafton, VT, pop. 600, and learning a lot as mother, wife, and librarian. I work for classmate **Sybil Brigham McShane**, state librarian, as a public library consultant. **Lisa Anderson Cox** is still in touch; she's doing a wonderful job on the state board of education. **Jane Hicock Rudolph** has been easy to find: her children have been attending Vermont Academy in the next town over. My big accomplishment this year was painting the front of the house—with help from the kids, Charlie (14) and Laura (8). Resolutions for 2002: walk more and remember to get the peas into the ground by April." ✷ Last August, **Tim Katzman** (tkatzman@padres.com) climbed Mount Whitney (the highest point in the continental U.S.), a peak he first scaled back in August 1998 with **Tom Stillman** and **Rob McCallum**. Tim is making tentative plans to climb Mount Kilimanjaro next year. He and Rob celebrated the northern winter this January by ice fishing for walleyes in Minnesota. When not busy hiking or staring into holes in the ice, Tim heads corporate communications for the San Diego Padres baseball club, where he directs internal communications and personnel relations, as well as fan services. Tim's route into a

career in professional baseball was an unusual one. After taking a year's leave of absence in the mid-1990s from teaching at Hotchkiss so he could work for a couple of baseball clubs, Tim returned to teaching for one year, then took a position with the Padres. I (**Greg Dennis**) had the pleasure of seeing Tim at a Middlebury gathering in San Diego last fall. After the gathering, Tim went off to the Padres annual dinner, where he sat between retiring Padres star Tony Gwynn and the club's manager, Bruce Bochy—both of whom gave them a hard time for being late because he been at the Middlebury event. While in Boston before Christmas, Tim also had a chance to grab a cup of coffee at the Westwood, MA, Starbucks with **Kate Peterson Burr** and **Eric Gutterson**. ✷ With most of us turning 50 this year, why not share the joy, fear, and trembling of that momentous milestone with your classmates? Send Barry or Greg an e-mail, or give us a ring (760-942-9051 or 802-388-4082), and let us know how you celebrated or will be celebrating your birthday this year. Thanks!

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On behalf of the entire class, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to **Tony MacDonald** and **Becca Gustafson Brown** for the wonderful job they've done over the years as class correspondents. As their successors, we recognize the high standards they have established, and can only hope that we come close to providing the same level of quality. Thank you, guys! ✷ **Emily Baldwin McPhie** reports: "Our kids are 10 and 12 and doing normal kid things. My husband, Winston, retired a couple of years ago and is happily building stuff in the garage, consulting very part time, and doing the bulk of the child hauling. I work not-quite-full time with the Agency for International Development, focusing on Sudan in particular. We're happy to be settled in the U.S. for a while—no moves planned, which is perhaps startling news for those who, over the years, have complained about wearing a hole through our entry in their address books as a result of our regular moves." ✷ "After a hiatus of several years from the opera stage," writes **Meredith Parsons McComb**, "I enjoyed doing six performances of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* this Christmas. Emory Fanning and John Hunisak had me back to Midd to sing for an Alumni College program at Bread Loaf, and that was as much fun as you can imagine. I'm writing (novel, poetry, journalism), trying not to be TOO big a stickler by upholding the ordinances on the Zoning Board, and reveling in the view out the window here on Lake George." ✷ **Caroline Sneath McBride**'s daughter, Ashley, is a sophomore at Midd, majoring in biochemistry. "Where that set of genes came from, I have no idea. GE Capital is buying my company, so after escaping big company life (IBM) five and one-half years ago, I could be right back into it!" ✷ **Joanne Scott** says she is "still teaching at St. Michael's College, and skiing at Bread Loaf as much as I can in the winter. My boys are 6 and 9." ✷ Tim '76 and **Robin Burnham Owen** report: "We have three teenagers and have lived in Bozeman, MT, since 1983. Our oldest, Annie, is a senior at Taft (with Charlie Erdman) and is coming back west to Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA, next year." This winter, Robin was flying to NYC for a mini-Midd reunion with **Liz Heun**, **Ellen Leary**, and **Kim Reidinger**. ✷ **Bobby Hinton** is married with two kids—daughter (10) and son (2). "I'm in the information technology business, and living happily in New Rochelle, NY. I see **Kenny Sargeant** regularly. He is house photographer for Sotheby's Auction House." ✷ From South Dartmouth, MA, **Jim Barrington** reports: "My youngest is a sophomore at Midd and loves it. Who wouldn't, after all the College has done since we left." As an administrator for an ambulatory surgery center, Jim basically runs four operating rooms. He still does alumni admissions interviewing and has refereed soccer for over 10 years. "It keeps me in shape. I sail a lot and am a licensed charter boat captain. In March I'm headed to Tampa on business and have already hooked up with Fred Zinober '74.

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I'm sure we will stop over and see **Pepin**." ✷ **Rick Goodwin** (rgoodwin01@snet.net) sent good news: "Well, I finally did it! I jumped into the gene pool with both feet. Jessie Claire Goodwin was born December 18. Rachel and baby are doing great. And yes, I do get up at those ungodly hours to change and comfort her. It is an unbelievable labor of love and I think I will always appreciate these middle-of-the-night moments when she gazes into my eyes so trustingly, smiles, and spits up on me." ✷ **Gerry Eaton** (gjeaton@yahoo.com) sends greetings from Milton, MA, where he and wife Nancy are enjoying their 25th anniversary year, as well as their first year as empty nesters. Son Matthew is a senior at the Westminster School in Connecticut. As SVP of corporate development of Quadstone, Gerry enjoys the challenges of the software business. ✷ After 24 years with IBM, **Deb Francisco McDowell** is now a full-time mom to daughters Samantha (3) and Sarah (5). "Spent the last year and a half designing and building our new home. We now live on a golf course, right on the 16th tee, and I'm hoping I can improve my golf game somewhat. Spending a lot of time as a member of the Vermont State Board of Education, particularly now with the new federal legislation overhauling our educational assessment system. I'm also a member of the board of directors for the NorthEast-MidWest policy Institute in DC, a non-partisan think tank working on legislative policies. Hoping any Midd classmates coming up this way will stop by for a golf game. Maybe, by then, I can show them how to break 100." ✷ On January 7, **Kathleen Harleman** became the director of the Bellevue (WA) Art Museum. She was formerly the director and CEO of the Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Her previous experience included work at the Davis Museum and Cultural Center at Wellesley College, the National Gallery of Canada, and the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto. ✷ **Tony MacDonald** points out that **Sam Swope** wrote a review of *Olivia Saves the Circus*, by Ian Falconer. He spotted it in the November 18 *New York Times* Book Review section. ✷ As one of our nation's top experts in biodefense, **Nancy Connell** works with deadly bugs like anthrax and black plague in the Biohazard Room deep within the Univ. of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark. The goal is to come up with better ways—vaccines, antidotes, protective clothing, early diagnostic equipment—to protect citizens and soldiers from biological attack.

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As your new class secretaries, we would like to begin by thanking our three predecessors. Many thanks to **Marion Adler, Jennifer Cogswell**, and **Jack Henderson** for all of your efforts on behalf of the class. We all appreciate your work. ✷ **Leslie Donovan** and John Bowman were married in May 1999. "We live on Beacon Hill overlooking the Boston Common, which gives us a front-row seat for Boston's First Night festivities. As a partner in Tremont Preservation Services, a small historic preservation consulting firm, I have been working on projects such as the Sears Roebuck building in the Fenway, the Central Artery Project, and the Boston Opera House, which we hope will be starting construction soon." ✷ **Andy Sobel** continues to promote his book, *Clients for Life*: "There are many myths associated with writing a book. The first: 'Write a book and get on the lucrative lecture circuit.' The reality: 'Write a book, and give lots of free speeches to promote your book, then do more free speeches because people think they're doing you a favor by letting you promote your book to their audience.' A second myth: 'Write a book, then go on a fast-paced, fun-filled, multi-city book tour organized down to every last detail by your publisher.' Reality: 'Organize a book tour yourself, or pay an independent publicist to do it, and then schlepp all over the USA, arriving most places past midnight having sat in the middle row of economy class between two drunken sailors who want to share all their absurd book ideas with you.' Actually it's been a lot of fun, but I do laugh now, thinking about how naïve I was about the book business a few years ago! My strategy consulting practice continues to do well, and yes, I did finally make it onto the lecture circuit. And I do workshops and speeches to corporate groups all over the country about building long-term client relationships. If anyone is in Santa Fe, please call. Life is great, despite the prospect of having at least one child in college every year for the next 11 years!" ✷ A reminder to classmates: We all like to keep up to date with each other, so from time to time please let us know *your* news and interesting developments. You can get in touch with us via the class notes card that is bound into the magazine—or you can contact us directly at any of the e-mail addresses above.

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WEDDINGS

Olivia Hooper '97 and Michael Curry were married on June 30, 2001, in Rye, NY.

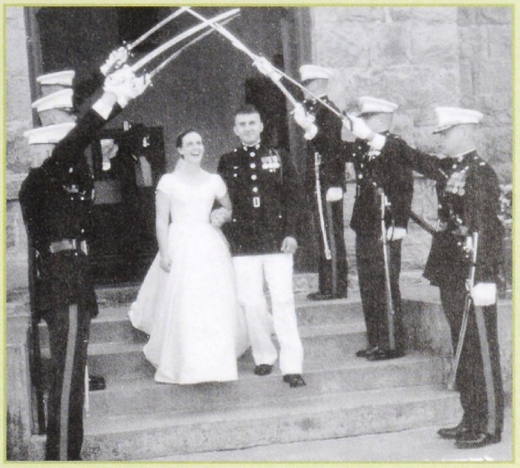
Rebecca Philips '00 and Peter Emerson '98 were married on June 24, 2000. Celebrating with them in Bakersfield, CA, were Erin Branch Weinberg '01, the newlyweds, Emma Craven-Matthews, Catriona Craven-Matthews, Diana Egbers Fanning '71, (back row) Jen Close '98, Nick Lauriat '98, Mark Weinberg '98, Amy Emerson (budget office), John Emerson (prof. of mathematics), Ian Barkin '98, Peter Matthews (prof. of economics), Carolyn Craven (prof. of economics), Kari Nygaard '01, Dave Keyes '98, "Doc" Emory Fanning (prof. emeritus of music and Mead Chapel organist).

A large Midd contingent gathered in Katonah, NY, for the June 16 marriage of Molly Lukins '97 and Brian Burke '97: (all '97 unless indicated) (front) Michael Bender, Becky Cowgill Wilkoff, Dates Fryberger, Caroline Portny '98, Jody Kaufman, Louise Smith, Laurie Higginbotham, Kate Oates, the newlyweds, Christine McCann Hamner, Shannon Reilly, Maggie Bittinger, Olivia Severs, Amy DiAdamo; (back) Nick Wilkoff, Brad Soroca, Adam Duarte, Tyler Lifton '98, Amy Nichols, Evan Alexander, Matt Fritz, Jenny Walton '98, Kevin Burke '96, Jamie Cowperthwait, Caleb McClennen, Matt Bijur, Whit Parks, Laine Catlin, Jocelyn Nill, Keith Liljegren, and Franklin Foster '98.

Joanne Doyle and Matthew Pauley '92 were married on March 31, 2001 in Pasadena, CA. Celebrating with them at a reception in L.A., were (all '92 except noted) Charlie Watson, Nick Elfner, Tristram Perkins, Sarah Ellwood Opler, Eddie Opler '93, (middle row) Kingman Gordon, Campbell Barrett, the newlyweds, Peter Walsh, Brian Willing, (back row) Ben Faucett, Amar Ranawat '90, Warner McGowin, Bill Tice. Fred McCrea '89 missed the photo.

In Manchester, VT, Betsy Heckman '97 and Drew Tanzosh were married on June 23. Joining them were Midd '97 friends Susie Church Maxwell, Christopher Turnier, the newlyweds, and Nichole North Hester. Sarah Raunecker '92 missed the photo. At Berkshire School, Betsy teaches history, while Drew teaches math and physics.

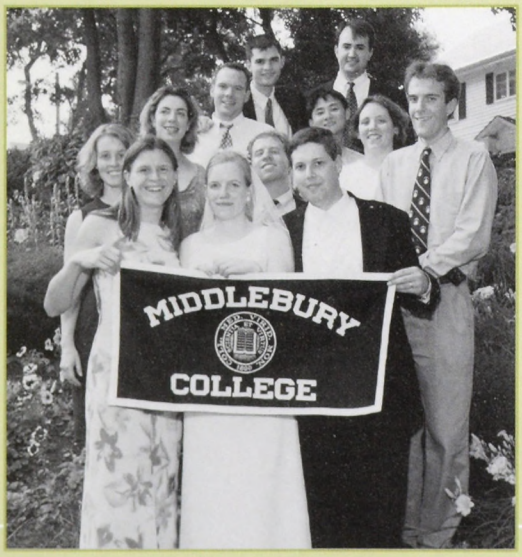
On August 18, Wendy Russell '95 and Eric Tracy were married in Rochester, NY, where they celebrated with (front) Anna Nolin '95, Graham Fox '95, Dan Haley '95 (kneeling), Allison O'Hare Liggett '94, the newlyweds, Trystan Phifer O'Leary '95, Kathy Follert Ebner '87 with daughter Wynne, (second row) Ben Halpern '93, Matt Hamilton '95, Brendan O'Leary '94, Jen Kahn Hamilton '96, Nicole Mathews Engler '95, Julie Russell '01, (third row) Alyssa Sveden Sinclair '94, Neil Sinclair '93, Shannon Detweiler Nguyen '95, Hieu Nguyen '92, Martha Mullane '95, Dudley Winthrop '94, Daron Barnard '95, Peter Wood '71, Jed Harris '99, Amy Flanders '97, Nicole Kassissieh '95, and Katherine Buchan '95.



Melissa Sopher '97 and David Moran were married in Shelburne, VT, on May 20, 2001.

Middlebury friends gathered in Garrison, NY, to celebrated the July 7 marriage of Isabel Roberts and Cort Corbin '95: (all '95 unless noted) (front) Seth Cameron, Kirtley Horton Cameron, Spencer Tullo, the newlyweds, Tom Kuchler, Susie Strife '02, Libby Zug '97, Adam Greenberger '93, (back row) Kate Nicita Shepherd '96, Jonathan Shepherd, John Beveridge, Robert Fogelman, Steve Rexford (M.A. English '95), Brendan Sullivan (English '00), Scott Sanders (M.A. French '93), and H. James Stahl.

The marriage of Meredith McLean '93 and Mark Gramelspacher took place at Robert Todd Lincoln's Hildene in Manchester, VT, on May 19, 2001. The festive weekend wedding centered around the Equinox Hotel, including a clambake rehearsal dinner, golf, and a fun-run "Race to the Altar" the morning of the wedding. Friends from 1993: (front) Eddie Opler, Jason Cort, (standing) Sarah Elwood Opler, Kerri Heinecken Milne, the newlyweds, Meghan Honan, Lee Casselman Whelan, and Kathy Dougan Cort.



The June 30 marriage of Kristina Parker '98 and Kevin Justh '97 at Portland Head Light in Cape Elizabeth, ME, brought together ('97 unless noted) Kristen Chencus, Wendy Peterson, Brent McKay, Clay Hartzog, Alex Blum, Zac Stillerman, Jen Burrell, Jen Close '98, James Holland '98, and Peter Huoppi '00. Kris works for the World Wildlife Fund in DC; Kevin works in real estate investment banking.

Gathering in Connecticut for the June 30, 2001, marriage of Allison O'Hare '94 and Jeff Liggett were (front) Joe Engler, Nikki Mathews Engler '95, Wendy Russell Tracy '95, Jennifer Kahn Hamilton '96, (standing) Trystan Phifer O'Leary '95, Melissa Halasz, Laura Christian '94, the newlyweds, Dan Haley '95, Matt Hamilton '95, Brendan O'Leary '94, Daron Barnard '95, and Eric Tracy.

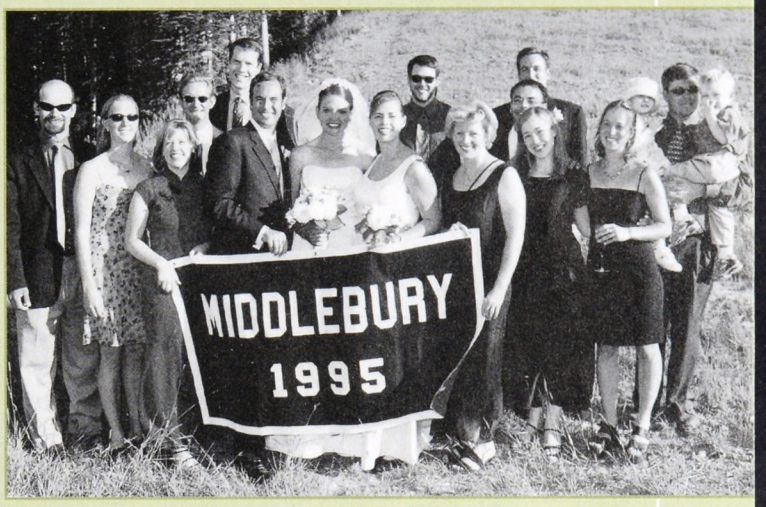
Aarin Willoughby and Jamie Holmes '90 were married in Brandon, VT, on August 19, 2000. The gathering included Craig McGray '95, Tom Powers '91, Heather Widlund '91, Jane Keller '89, the newlyweds, Rob Hansen '90, and Josh Landis '97.

Following the August 11 marriage of Beth Trudeau and C.J. Sprigman '93 in Hackettstown, NJ, the newlyweds were surrounded by (clockwise) Walter Savage '49, Theo Dolan '94, Mike McCollum '96, Charles J. Sprigman Jr. '64, Peter O'Hara '94, Dane Sobek '93, and Elizabeth Gold Sobek '94, holding daughter Tessa Hope Sobek. C.J. is an emergency room physician at the Underwood Memorial Hospital in Woodbury, NJ.

Classmates from 1998 gathered in August 2000 to celebrate the marriage of Heather Corkadel '98 and Erik Skinner in Colorado: Mark McCormack, Katie Padden, Dan Ackerman, Erin Mara, the newlyweds, Emily Olson, Tim MacMillan, Liz Dubin, Chuck Donnellan, and Becky Sama.

A reception at the Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club brought together Midd friends celebrating the marriage of Rebecca Rudy and Tim Shaw '93 on August 11 (all '93 unless noted): (front) Dave Collard '94, Bob Crowley '94, the newlyweds, (standing) Dan Scheidt, Paul Dalpe, Ross O'Hanley, Chae Yi, Eric Sevigny, Grady Woodring, Rick Gronda, Jordan Sullivan, and Suzy Dalrymple Sullivan '91.

Middlebury friends celebrating the August 18 marriage of Laura Karch and Bill Eaton '90 in Belmont, MA, included (all '90, except where indicated) John Hoult, Beth Walton, Alex Chang, Jill Skovron, Tom Hand '87, Jon Mowry, Geoff Coffey, Sam Hodgson, Marci Griffith '89, Amar Ranawat, Ian Kelley, Tom Louderback, Bill Champ, Kristen Peterjohn Brown, Joe Brown, Andy Rosenshine, and the newlyweds.



Guests arrived by gondola for the marriage of Maya Van Putten '95 and Scott (Duffy) Thompson '94, high atop a ski mountain in Telluride, CO. Celebrating with them on August 18 were Mike Higuera '97, Mimi Mather '96, Roberta Stewart '95, Bryan Wockley '94, Peter Polson '95, the newlyweds, Elizabeth Bales '94, Foster Hetherington '95, Janine Hetherington '95, Chad Peck '95, Vikram Capoor '91, Tara Sweeney-Capoor '94, Jennifer Marden '01, and Karl Pelletier '95, with twins Madison and Alexander Pelletier.

Kathy Kulis '97 and Tim Dailey were married at the Andover Inn on the campus of Phillip's Academy on August 5. The wedding party included Michelle Lin, Kara Delahunt '97, Sahili Sheth '97, Lisa D'Ambrueso, the newlyweds, Christopher Dailey, Rob Hauer, David Kulis '95, and Brian Kulis. Other Midds in attendance were Amy N. Smith '97 and Mike Szymanski '98.

The June 16 marriage of Katherine Behrens '94 and Scott Crosby took place in Baltimore, MD, where they celebrated with ('94 unless noted) (front) Alexandra Mackintosh Aspbury, Maggie Zraly, the newlyweds, Ariana Speyer, Patrick Sullivan '95, (middle row) Ben Paxton '95, Edelen McWilliams, Rebecca Eisele Luib, Jillian Theberge '95, Nancy Hastings Fox, (back) Peter Aspbury, Juliet Caldwell, Peter Savodnik, Charlotte Furey, Alison Vreeland, Liz Weems Carpenter, and Peter Carpenter '93.

In traditional Greek style, Sarah White '91 and Stefan Bournakel '91 rode donkeys to the church on August 4, 2001. The "small but raucous group" on the island of Santorini in Greece included Lana Fuller '91, Ted Siebert '90, Jim Rondeau '91, Shawn Miller '91, Mary Blanchard '92, Phil Busse '92, and Prof. Robert Buckeye.

Secretary Jones reports: My Middlebury quilt ("Bicentennial Rag")—the one that was displayed at Frog Hollow during the bicentennial exhibit of alumni art—is going to be featured on the cover of magazine *Quilting Today* (issue #91), which goes on sale in June 2002. The covers are generally still-life compositions, with three or four quilts artfully draped over furniture and props. ✷ **Ann DeRosa** e-mails that she has left architecture, dropped work on her dissertation in ecopsychology, and resigned a board position at Gardens for Peace to take on the job of executive director of Gardens for Peace: "I'm working 24-hour days and loving every minute. Happily, one of our first hires has been a Middlebury graduate, All American running great Kate Irvin '01. Gardens for Peace is an international network of public meditation gardens dedicated to fostering a climate for peace and respect for the environment through education, community building, and meditation. Look for our gardens in Nairobi, Tbilisi, Madrid, Duke University, etc. Find out more or drop me a line at www.gardens forpeace.org; annderosa@gardensforpeace.org." ✷ **Jocelyn Samuels** has left Sen. Edward Kennedy's (D-Mass.) staff to serve as VP and director of educational opportunities at the National Women's Law Center. Before joining Kennedy's staff, she spent a decade as a senior attorney and adviser in the Office of Legal Counsel at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. ✷ **Michael Katz** is still a personal manager for actors. After training as an actor at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London for 10 years, Michael worked steadily as an actor in NYC. He also developed an interest in becoming a talent representative. He was first franchised as a talent agent at Don Buchwald & Associates and later went on to head the commercial department of Artists Group East. In the spring of 1997, he launched his own business, Michael Katz Talent Management ✷ **Laurie Ferguson** writes: "I have my own public relations and marketing business, Ferguson Communications, in Andover, NH. Great clients, including League of NH Craftsmen, Ski NH, and NH Stories (promotes NH-made products). Two boys—Bucky (12) and Canon (8)—are doing great. Life is good." ✷ The Rev. **Matthew Calkins** has become the fourth rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Fairfield, CT. He had been the associate rector of Christ and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Westport. His wife, Mary, is an art teacher at Fairfield High School. Son Eli is a middle school student. ✷ While these class notes work well as reminders and updates, and we now have the speed and ease of e-mail to keep in touch with our closest classmates, nothing beats getting together, with no electronic, digital, or paper intermediary, in the College's stunning environment. The social cochairs, **Tom** and **Ellen Fairchild Martyn**, join Katie and Gin in hoping you'll all take advantage of the opportunity to see existing friends and make new ones, during our upcoming 25th Reunion, May 30 to June 2. If you have just a fraction of the fun, laughter, and nostalgia we've enjoyed while making preparations for the reunion, you'll be glad you made the trip.

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Congratulations to **Adrian Benepe**, who was recently named NYC Commissioner of Parks and Recreation. ✷ **Joan Siefert Rose** recently became the general manager of WUNC Radio, the National Public Radio affiliate in Chapel Hill, NC. Joan and husband Jim had talked about retiring in North Carolina someday, as both have family ties there, so the WUNC opportunity was a welcome call. They moved with sons Andy (11) and Ian (8) from Ann Arbor, MI, where Joan served as program director for Michigan Radio. ✷ **Marian Melcher Hanson**, of Burlington, CT, has been named VP, proprietary programming strategy, at ESPN. Her responsibilities involve the X Games, Winter X Games, Great Outdoor Games, and the ESPY Awards. She joined ESPN in 1997 and was most recently VP, special events and marketing. ✷ **Joyce O'Donnell Maroney**, of Nahant, MA, is "thrilled to be married to the nicest man on earth" and is also "the proud mother of two great kids, Liz (14) and Ted (11). I am VP of product management and professional services for BrassRing, an eRecruiting software and service company. I'm proud to say we bucked the .com odds and are still growing and thriving as a business. Best wishes to all my fellow Class of '78 alums." ✷ **Mike Abend** reports that things in the Abend family are very good. "Our son, Brian, logged onto the College Web site at the appointed hour to find that he had been accepted to be part of Midd's class of '06! We are thrilled! So I will be visiting the College a lot more in the next few years. Do tuition payments count toward my class-giving record?" ✷ **Hanna Richardson** is the assistant dean for undergraduate student services at Syracuse University's School of Management. "I recently married Phil Flanigan, an old friend from high school who is an accomplished jazz bassist. I'm still singing, and Phil and I have just released a CD, *Something to Remember You By*, with his jazz sextet." Information about that can be found at www.HannaPhil.com. ✷ Our thanks to Melissa Michaud Aborn for sending the following message in December: "My husband, **Scott Aborn** (M.A. French '80), is on leave from his position as a French teacher at Burr and Burton Academy. He underwent a second glioblastoma (brain cancer) resection in September and, after a bout with meningitis, is happy to be back at home enjoying time with his three children. While in the hospital in Bennington in November, Scott was pleasantly surprised by a visit from one of his Midd professors, Simon Barenbaum. Scott welcomes contact from his Middlebury friends and classmates: 802-645-9043; 22 South St., Wells, VT 05774. Melissa's e-mail address is maborn@burrburton.org.

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Secretary Paine reports: **Elibet Moore Chase** e-mailed an update on a number of our classmates. She and **Kimberly "Burleigh" McDowell** traveled out west to visit **Lisa Salisbury** at her new home in Park City, UT, in January during the Sundance Film Festival. They took in five Sundance films, with mixed reviews, including the world premiere of *Blue Vinyl*, a documentary on the environmental and health hazards of vinyl siding and PVC. While she says the documentary was excellent, the best part was a surprise cameo appearance by Scott Morrison '77 and his company, Lignum Vitae. Scott appeared on screen delivering a truckload of reclaimed Vermont timber. In between films, they skied at Sundance Nordic Center, Deer Valley, and Park City, where Elibet and Lisa tried to keep up with three-year-old River Radamus and his mother, **Sara McNealus Radamus**. Sara, a personal ski coach, lives part of the year in Park City with her son and husband Aldo Radamus, head development coach for the U.S. ski team. Lisa is a VP in the commercial real estate group at Wells Fargo Bank in Salt Lake City. Burleigh is a free-lance photo stylist in Boston, where she lives with husband Tom and son Warren (6). A free-lance writer in her spare time, Elibet will complete her master's in nonfiction writing at the Univ. of NH this spring. She lives in Concord, NH, with husband George and daughters Emma (13), Mary (11), and Lucy (9). **Cindy Cunningham** and **Sandra "Buzz"**

PROFILE

ICE TIME

A SPIRITED ICE HOCKEY MATCH took place at Madison Square Garden last December, when four former Midd players got to square off with some big names from hockey history. No scores were available following the match, but a good time was reportedly had by all. Competing were (front row, kneeling) Steve Vickers (former New York Ranger), Glenn Anderson (former Edmonton Oiler and New York Ranger, who is the holder of six Stanley Cup rings), Rod Gilbert (former New York Ranger and NHL Hall of Famer), (second row) Brad Park (former New York Ranger captain, Boston Bruin, and NHL Hall of Famer), Perry Babcock '79, Andrew Woolford '79, Benjamin Burditt '81, Josh Holleb '79, and Ron Duguay (former New York Ranger, Detroit Redwing, Pittsburgh Penguin, and L.A. King). Andy Woolford '79, who is managing director at CIBC World Markets in New York City, hosted the match, which was followed by dinner and a viewing of the New York Rangers game.

Buzby Whalen had hoped to make the trip as well, but were unable to go. Cindy is a legal consultant in NYC, where she lives with husband Steve and daughter Camille (3). Buzz continues to counsel and coach at St. Paul's School in Concord, NH, where she lives with husband John and son Casey (9). ✷ **Lisa Salyard Brussell** is living in Boulder, CO, with husband Benjamin and kids Alexander (5) and Sophie (3). ✷ **Ann Jones-Weinstock** has joined the Vermont Community Foundation as VP for donor relations and communications. Ann recently completed her work as a senior staff member in Middlebury's successful Bicentennial Campaign. ✷ **Teresa Mansfield**, husband Kirk Elliott, and daughters Julia (10), Marta (7), and Emma (5) are back in the States after six years of living in Taiwan, where Kirk worked for Nabisco. They're living in San Diego, CA, where Teresa is back at work as a population consultant and Kirk is a student at the Pacific College of Oriental Medicine. ✷ In case you missed it, the Discovery Channel aired a three-hour documentary last November on the "Martian" expedition to Devon Island. Geologist **Charles Frankel** contributed to the exploration effort and his brother, Chris '74, was also involved. The Discovery site on the Internet outlines the story of the expedition: "Take four geologists, two biologists, a chemist, seven engineers, two doctors, four physicists, an optical scientist, an industrial psychologist, an architect, a businessman and an independent filmmaker. Divide into groups of six—some get more than one turn—seal in a small habitat on a remote island in the Canadian Arctic and see what happens. That is the mission for 25 people participating in the Mars Arctic Research Station this summer." ✷ Now living in Riverside, CT, **Peter** and Peggy Holden **Briggs** have three daughters; Anna (12), Sarah (9), and Madeleine (5). Peter writes: "We spent a total of six years in Prague, Czech Republic, from 1995 through 2000, during which time I held a variety of positions with Citibank: corporate bank head for the Czech Republic, managing director and capital markets head for Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and managing director of Citicorp Venture Capital for Central Europe. In 1998, I left the bank to found a new venture in Central Europe, with mixed results, and during 2000 returned to New York, rejoining Citigroup for the third time, as a senior credit officer in the global loans business of Salomon Smith Barney. Prague is a beautiful city and we had great adventures, both professionally and as a family, in Eastern Europe—and skiing in Austria! Still, it's good to be home in the U.S., living in CT, spending our summers on Lake Champlain, and winters skiing wherever the snow is good." ✷ **Peter Christiansen** shared the sad news of **Bill Watlington**'s death last July. Bill came to Middlebury as a February freshman and lived in Battell, next door to Peter. He was tall, wore aviator glasses, and loved jazz—listening to it, talking about it, and especially playing it. A jazz pianist himself, Bill loved the music of Erroll Garner and Oscar Peterson. Bill majored in history at Middlebury, and Peter remembers how enthusiastic he was about his studies, particularly the courses he took in American history. Peter recalls many good times, especially the Christmas break of the year both were in Europe for their junior year abroad, Bill in Dublin, Peter in Scotland. Together they traveled to Naples, where Bill's father-in-law was commander of the Seventh Fleet. You may remember Bill's yearbook picture—he and the late **Paul Minater** were sitting in the snow in lawn chairs, wearing their bathing suits. After graduation, Bill enlisted in the Marines, where he was a first lieutenant in the elite Amphibious Reconnaissance Unit, following in a family tradition of military service. Bill was best man at Peter and **Serena Furman**'s wedding. Bill married Maureen Smythe, and they had two children, Rodney and Chloe. Peter and Serena live in Stow, MA, where Serena has started her own business, A Space Designs, creating 3-D designs for museum exhibits and designing commercial interiors. Peter recently started a new job at the Leahy Clinic, where he is director of corporate and foundation relations.

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Anne Cowherd and **Susie Rohardt Strater** (with husband **Kurt** and daughter Christina) planned a mini reunion during the fall Homecoming Weekend at Middlebury. The reunion quickly got bigger, as we bumped into the Hentz and Gardner families. Like us, they saw Homecoming as a great opportunity to relive some memories, but also as a great playground, for children and adults alike. The weather and foliage were spectacular—we were even treated to a light sprinkle of snow in the mountains when we awoke on Sunday morning! ✷ **Ned** and Kathy Iacocca '81 **Hentz** live in Dover, MA, with children Mary-Cait (13), Molly (10), Parker (8), and Maeve (3). Kathy manages the Iacocca Foundation that actively supports diabetes research. Ned's company developed and markets a product that incorporates butter and olive oil called Olivio Premium Spread. Look for it in a dairy case near you. In keeping with northern activities, the whole Hentz clan went sled dogging in Quebec over Christmas. They highly recommend the experience! Ned reports seeing **Michael Bassett** during his trips to NYC, where Michael lives and practices law at Jones, Day. He is an avid rider and, although suffering a bad fall recently, he's back in the saddle again. ✷ **Peter Gardner** moved to Hanover, NH, from NYC in 1996 with wife Victoire and children Evan (16), Emma (14), Nadya (9), and Parker (6). Since then, he got a law degree and a master's in environmental law from the Vermont Law School, plus a master's in intellectual property law from Franklin Pierce Law Center. He's practicing intellectual property law in Hanover firm Stebbins, Bradley, Wood & Harvey. He writes legal articles when the opportunity arises, the most recent of which is "Media at the Gates: Panic! Stress! Ethics?" in the *Vermont Bar Journal* (September 2001). ✷ **Sue Follett Panella** and her family spent a wonderful summer vacation in Glacier National Park in Montana. She's consulting with Gang&Gang, which gives her a nice balance between motherhood and professional life. As she writes, "Despite the fact that we continue to accumulate votes as the 'Worst Parents Ever,' the bulk of our time and energy is devoted to the kids—Andrew (grade 5), Leslie (grade 3), and Jeffrey (age 6)—and their activities." ✷ **Judy Kula Walklet** (jcwalklet@yahoo.com) lives in Oakland, CA, with husband Jack, daughters Johanna (6) and Sophia (4), and stepchildren (ages 18, 15, and 11). The five children allow her to "simultaneously experience parenthood at every possible stage!" After leaving the printing industry in 1998, Judy became VP of business development for ThirdAge Inc., the leading Internet site serving the baby boomer audience online. Her company survived the roller coaster ride of the dot-com meltdown and continues to develop integrated marketing partnerships with Fortune 500 companies. ✷ We are happy to report that **Missi Stern** and Mark Podsedly welcomed daughter Natalie Flora on September 23, and Kirk and **Madeline Hardart Saville** became the proud parents of Grace Hardart on November 11, 2000. Madeline was east for Christmas, but is enjoying her new life in San Jose. ✷ **Alison De Laney Granger** and family are happily settled in Farmington, CT. She's managing portfolios, a job she likens to a multi-billion-dollar bargain-hunting adventure: "Rather than seeking the best value in cashmere, I hunt for the best deals in the bond market." Husband Hal is working from home, while keeping an eye on Amanda (13) and Sam (9). They regularly visit her parents in Middlebury. Alison's mom works part time in Old Chapel. ✷ After 20 years in network television, **Tim Rockwood** writes from Kensington, MD, that he's finally doing something his mother finds worthwhile and important. He's the senior editorial producer of "Avoiding Armageddon," an eight-hour international television and multimedia series and book for Ted Turner Documentaries, LLC, on weapons of mass destruction. The project puts him in touch with high-powered non-proliferation thinkers and has him working on landing interviews with Mikhail Gorbachev, Jimmy Carter, Fidel Castro (whom he filmed in Cuba in 1986), and Nelson Mandela. The series will air on PBS in about a year. Tim's wife, Jessica, works with the UN and World Bank, and son Jordan works on being a first grader. ✷ **Niffur Fields Condon** lives with husband Michael and daughter MacKenzie in Glencoe, IL. She has her own business, representing photographers to advertising and promotional agencies. In her free time, she auctions fine art and antiques, and renovates her house. She has a nice guest room and would be delighted to share it with classmates traveling through the area. ✷ **Peter Duncan** (sailfaster@aol.com) continues his work helping mid-sized and small businesses improve their competitive positions and become more successful. He also appears on radio shows and gives speeches at business conventions. When not on the road for work, Peter is often traveling for fun. He and Sylvi (Allen) '81 and kids Ian (10), Terry (8), and Stephen (4) get to Vermont a few times a year and to Canada with Peter's siblings, including Chris Duncan '84, Suzanne Duncan Simmonds '86, and her husband Craig '85. Peter continues to be active in sailing, traveling to regattas up and down the East Coast and, last summer, to the International Championship in England, where he was the second USA boat, placing 18th in the 70-boat fleet. ✷ **Mandy Boe Faulkner** owns a great retail store in Darien, CT, called Amanda & Company, "sort of a 'chick shop,' like one of those really neat stores that women gravitate toward and men get fidgety in." She sees a lot of Midd alumni in her store and encourages us all to stop in. She loves what she does and is happy to be flexible as a full-time single mom to Brad, a musician (15); Matt, a marine biologist (13); and Cali, a humanitarian (10). And still she finds time to work out at her rowing club, write a screenplay, and learn how to play the guitar. ✷ **Bob King**, his wife, and three kids (11-year-old twins and an 8-year-old) have been in Seattle for the last seven years—after stops in Denver, Hartford, Atlanta, New York, Boston, Chicago, and Virginia. Bob is the president of Everett Pad & Paper Co., a privately held manufacturing company with locations in Seattle and Dallas. ✷ **Jane Hammond McKinney** enjoys life on an active

farm in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Charlottesville, VA. She and husband Charlie have a small herd of Black Angus/Charlais cattle and a herd of Cashmere goats. She also enjoys hunt tests and field trials with their American Pointers. ✷ **Theresa Costello** is working on her fifth degree, a Ph.D. in public interest psychology, specializing in health psychology in occupational health. After Midd, she got a second bachelor's in physical therapy from Ohio State, then a master's in international management from the American Graduate School of International Management, and a master's in psychology from NC State Univ. She teaches and runs research studies at NC State and practices as a physical therapist in occupational rehab settings. When not working, she bicycles, gardens, does woodworking, and provides live-in care to a man with a spinal cord injury. ✷ Congratulations to Ben and **Annie Hartmann Philbrick**, who were married recently. They live in Stonington, CT, with her kids—David (12) and Elma (10)—blended with two teenage boys (15 and 18): "A lot of fun and patience, and the kids come first." Annie sees a lot of **Hootie Fogg**, her roommate at Midd and a 25-year friendship still going strong! ✷ **Andy "Noodles" Nestler** has settled back into life on the East Coast, much to his ex-employer's chagrin. Out of the food business and into pharmaceuticals, Andy is running sales and marketing for Bayer in Morristown, NJ. He and wife Robin are raising another batch of Nestlers: Ryan (17), PJ (16), Andrew (13), and Sam (9). Daughter Ryan, who accompanied Andy to our 20th Reunion, is considering following her father's lead as she looks into colleges. Andy joined **Paul Scheufele**, **Eric Kemp**, Wheels, Goofball, and others last July in Vail for the annual Midd Supermasters Lax teams get-together and a great mini reunion of their own. When not playing, Andy has been actively coaching his boys in football and lacrosse at the middle school level. ✷ Anne has seen Ellen and **Marc Baker** several times recently and can report that they are enjoying life in her old neighborhood of Darien, CT. They are busy raising sons Marc Jr. (18), Kevin (16), Christopher (13), and James (10). The Bakers are all enthusiastic skiers and spend their winter weekends tearing up the slopes at Stratton. Marc is president of his family's real estate development company in Pleasantville, where he oversees the building of residential communities and light industrial parks in the area. Ellen and Marc will be frequenting Middlebury often starting this fall, as Marc Jr. has been accepted for fall admission following in his father's footsteps. Warn the neighbors! ✷ It has been great hearing from so many people, some of whom admit they have never written in before. We look forward to more correspondence, as your classmates are anxious to hear what is filling your lives these days!

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Jim Estes writes: "I own a seasonal restaurant in Woods Hole (Landfall Restaurant), right down the street from the boats that go to Martha's Vineyard. I am fortunate to have an opportunity to see a few classmates, as they head over to the island or while visiting Falmouth." His list of sightings includes **Peter Jones**, **John Buckley**, **PJ Murphy**, **Steve Harasimowicz**, **Rich Letteney**, **Anne O'Herron Burleigh**, **Elaine King Nickerson**,

An Anchorage alumni reception in November brought a Midd gathering to the home of Jeff Clarke '82: Alice Tower Knapp '81, Jim Renkert '81, Clo Dickey Giffen '86, Eric Menck '84, Jeanne Hammond Larsen '83, Glenn Gellert '86, Mike Graham '84, Julie Greene-Graham '84, Mike Schoenfeld '73, and Ian Moore '94.

Martha Leahy Durcan, and **Carl Erdman**. Jim and wife Jean have twin daughters (9), a daughter (7), and a son (1.5). ✷ **Kevin Granath** has been named senior VP of sales for PlanetOut Partners, Inc., a diversified media and services company based in San Francisco and serving gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and their families and friends. Kevin also serves on the boards of the Internet Advertising Bureau and the Wireless Advertising Assoc. ✷ **Jennifer Salmon** has completed a Ph.D. in aging studies at the Univ. of South Florida. She will remain at USF where she is assistant director at the Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging. She lives in Gulfport with three cats and a dog. ✷ **Ruth Turner McLaughlin** (ruth@belknaplandscape.com) writes: "Had a great time at reunion in May, although we only made a day trip. If you haven't been back to Midd for a while you should make the effort! The new facilities are fabulous. Belknap Landscape Company, Inc., was named Business of the Year for 2001 in the construction/real estate category by Business NH Magazine! Check out our Web site at www.belknaplandscape.com. We are still very busy and hoping to remain that way. The kids are all skiing and two are in the race program, so I have to be a race worker on weekends." ✷ **Janice Harvey Holley** (janhlly@aol.com) lives in Surrey, England, with husband Patrick, daughter Eileen (10), and son Danny (7). She wrote in January, on "the one-year anniversary of my layoff or 'redundancy' (in British English) from Enron Corp., where I worked for almost four years as an international corporate tax director, specializing in Latin American tax. I used my Middlebury Spanish, as well as the accounting I mastered in at Rice Univ. I have worked at large corporations doing international tax for some 15 years, and Enron had to be the most challenging, interesting, and exciting place I worked. It's very sad for me to see its collapse, especially after all my hard work and that of many other very dedicated workers. I hope to return to work when we return to the U.S. Meanwhile, I am enjoying my free time traveling in Europe, spending time with the kids, and pursuing personal improvement classes, both physical and intellectual." Jan will be in England for another year or two, and would like to hear from friends. ✷ **Tyrone Wilson** is in his seventh season with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. In December he traveled to Livermore, CA, to present an evening of selections from Shakespeare plays and classical and contemporary literature. The tour is part of the company's outreach, mostly to schools, to acquaint students and others with what is happening in Ashland, OR. ✷ It is with great sadness that we must report the death of **Thomas Craig "Tucker" Gosnell** on December 31. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. The sympathy of the class is extended to his wife, Silvia, and all the family.

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Mary Ann Petkiewicz Wilmarth has earned her doctorate in physical therapy (advanced orthopedics and manual therapy) from the Univ. of St. Augustine for Health Sciences. She received an M.A. in physical therapy from Duke in 1984. Now the owner of Wilmarth Physical Therapy in Andover, MA, Mary Ann and husband Roger have three children—Victoria (11), Lauren (11), and Zachary (9)—all of whom attend the Pike School in Andover. Mary Ann (mwilmarth@mediaone.net) is VP of the Pike School Parents Assoc. ✷ **Evelyn Hart** and husband Adger Williams announce the arrival of son Samuel in April 2001. He joins sister Elizabeth (7). At Colgate Univ., Evelyn is an associate prof. of mathematics and Adger works in the library. ✷ We're looking forward to seeing all of you at reunion, May 31 to June 2!

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Secretary Ulrich reports: Out in Fairbanks, AK, **Anne Sudkamp** has a new job as coordinator of the International Arctic Social Sciences Association. For the past 10 years, Anne has edited the *Russian Far East News*, a newsletter about business, economics, and politics for the Univ. of AK, Anchorage. Anne and husband Tim Walker have a daughter, Helen (8 in May), and a son, Cole (3 in January). All are doing well. ✷ **Peter Conard** has been living in Seattle for most of the last decade. He's enjoying life in the Pacific Northwest with wife Laura Appell and sons Sam (6) and Eli (3). After a brief move to Vermont (1996-1998), they decided to head back to the Northwest, where Peter is a partner with Sullivan Conard Architects. ✷ **Terry Epstein** and family welcomed third daughter Abby on November 28. Big sisters Jordan and Caroline are making the adjustment to their new baby sister! ✷ After working with many principals during her 11 years as a teacher, **Victoria Reed**, of East Lyme, CT, has become the new principal of Highland School. She got her degree in education administration at the Teachers' College of Columbia Univ. ✷ **Cheryl Potter**'s recently-published first book, *Handpaint Country*, traces the paths of 21 American fiber artists, including herself. ("It's a nonfiction art book. Surprisingly, no novel from me yet—and here I thought I was going to write the Great American Novel by the time I was 30.") Her book tour was starting on January 15. "It took me three years to write and will be available at all the usual commercial outlets. It is being reviewed by (among others) *Vogue*, the *New York Times*, and *Middlebury Magazine*! I have recently moved to Barton, VT, part of the Northeast Kingdom, otherwise referred to as 'God's Country.' I visited Middlebury with my daughter, Jenna Potter Otto, who is applying next year. I cannot

believe that I am 40 years old and have a daughter old enough to go to college. If Jenna gets in, she will be a third generation Middlebury student, as both of her parents and two of her grandparents graduated from Middlebury. I'm speaking at Middlebury on March 15 and can be contacted at cheryl@cherryyarn.com. This is my wholesale business, Cherry Tree Hill, Inc. of which I am president. An autographed copy of my book can be found at www.handpaintheaven.com, a retail store that I founded three years ago. ✷ Middlebury's first endowed professorship in the Chinese department has been made possible by a gift of $1.5 million from **William (Ted)** and **Kathy O'Connor Truscott**, in honor of Prof. John Berninghausen. Upon Berninghausen's retirement, the endowed professorship will be known as the John D. Berninghausen Chair in Chinese. Prof. Berninghausen, who recently stepped down after more than two decades of service as chair of the Middlebury College Chinese department, joined the Middlebury faculty in 1976. He established a Chinese language program and cofounded the interdisciplinary major in East Asian studies.

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Betsy and **Larry Stabler** celebrated the arrival of son Peter on November 8. At the Hotel Excelsior in NYC, Peter T-chance-ski celebrated his 40th birthday with a big bash in the second floor breakfast room. A great Chi Psi turnout, including such stalwarts as **Tom Knox**, **Todd Hermanson**, **BJ Paik**, **Pepsi McCormick**, **Andrew Zehner**, etc. (Sorry if we missed '84s). The gig was catered and baby-sitting service was even provided. How things have changed from the "old days" at the Chi Psi house. ✷ Martha and Yak **Matt Ellenthal** also doubled up with the recent arrival of Natalie Outlaw Ellenthal at 8 lbs., 8 oz., 20 inches, bigger than any trout Matt has ever caught. ✷ Another addition to '84: **John Fraser** has added a Belle to the ball. Weighing in at 9-plus lbs., she will probably be a future Lady Rangers draft pick in 2020. ✷ **Marty Lanigan** has set up shop on his own in NJ, starting a new business venture leveraging his securitization experience and "Layla" lipsinc'ing ability. ✷ **Jason Bacon** is "excited" to be resting comfortably in London, before he starts his next post-dot.com foray. ✷ In a matrimonial race between **Paul Quinlan** and **David Wagstaff**, Wags managed to beat his old "Prince album" and Jewett nemesis to the altar, adding Ashley Haffenreffer (St. Lawrence '86) into the fold on December 27 in Rhode Island. Lainey and **Rick Makin**, Sue and **Brian O'Day**, Alice and Dave Christopher '83, Kathy and **Mason Wells**, Caroline and **Grant Dewey**, Mimi (no **Mark**) **Tabah**, provided Midd '84 support at a recent paddle and beer event to precelebrate the union. ✷ Cindy Milwe and **Tom Sullivan** were married on August 16 on the island of Santorini in Greece. Now living in Venice, CA, Cindy is a writer who teaches English and yoga at Santa Monica High School and Tom is the editorial director of Earthlink in Pasadena. ✷ Christopher and **Dana Morosini Reeve** received the National Italian American Foundation One America award last October. They were honored for their commitment to motivate scientists to conquer the most complex diseases of the brain and central nervous system through their outstanding work raising

Anne Machado '82 and Mary Borah Gorman '83, members of Midd's first women's varsity ice hockey team, continue to face off against each other in the Northern New England Women's Ice Hockey League games.

funds for spinal cord injury research. Dana's ancestors were from Venice, Italy, and the award was presented before 3,100 Italian American leaders in business, the arts, entertainment, and public service.

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Karen Handelsman Moore (moore.karen@pmintl.ch) wrote in November: "This summer we've relocated to Switzerland, where I've taken up the position of assistant general counsel in the Philip Morris international headquarters. It's quite a switch from Moscow, where my husband and I spent more than seven years, but we're quickly becoming accustomed to clean air, fresh food, lakes, and mountains, and, above all, calm. Our daughter, Rose (2), is particularly enjoying her new surroundings and is taking the addition of a third language in stride." ✷ **William Gilson** and wife Diana recently bought their first house in Sharon, MA. ✷ **Caity Hall** continues her work as a pediatrician for the Indian Health Service in New Mexico. Last July she received the Navajo Area Indian Health Service Area Director's Award for Outstanding Health Care Provider. ✷ **Gus Gerulskis** has been named executive VP at First Financial Trust, where he will also continue his responsibilities as chief investment officer. Gus's fellow Panther hurler **Andy Gluck** and wife **Kim Davis Gluck** added to their family lineup last May, when they welcomed Stephanie into their home as their foster daughter. Stephanie, who is a first grader, joins Samantha and Joshua in the Gluck dugout. ✷ For those playing along at home, OurHouse.com effectively went down the dot.com tubes last fall, taking me with it. I have reemerged older, but probably no wiser. I'm now the VP and general manager of Disaster Kleenup International, Inc., a national franchisor of restoration contracting companies in Indianapolis. If a nasty tornado picks up your house in Kansas, we can make it all better!

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Congratulations three times over to Pamela and **Ron Palmeri**, who are the proud parents of triplets. Gabriella Tate, Piper Donovan, and Griffin Curtin were born November 26 in San Francisco. They join older brother Tucker (3), who is "very much the proud big brother." On the business front, Ron's company, Grand Central—"a 60-person start-up in an emerging technology area called Web services—just raised a $23 million Series B round from Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, Benchmark Capital and individual investors." ✷ After reunion, **Christine Langlois** traveled to France "to have an immersion experience to help prepare for the Massachusetts Teacher Test in French. Apparently it worked, since I passed! I started teaching French and Spanish to 7th graders in September. This is quite a change from my previous career in international business in the high-tech sector." ✷ "After practicing law for seven years and being in politics," **Gary Domoracki** writes, "I left the practice of law and returned to business school at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth with my wife and three kids. After two great years at Dartmouth I came back with four kids, and joined the investment bank of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette in their private client group. In 2000, DLJ merged with Credit Suisse First Boston. Some of our classmates and KDR fraternity brothers now work at CSFB. **Dave Ballard** is a managing director of capital markets in our New York office and we recently hired **Henry Persons** into our Private Client Group in Chicago." Gary's family lives in Hamilton, MA, where he has been coaching youth football and basketball for several years. ✷ **Henry Persons** and wife Suzy welcomed son Henry James Persons on April 7, 2001. ("The sixth generation Henry, but all have different middle names.") Henry Sr. recently stopped practicing law and started financial advisory practice with Credit Suisse First Boston's Private Client Group. A 10-year Chicago resident, Henry says he had a great time at our 15th Reunion. "I work in an office with several Middlebury grads and parental/alumni boosters, including Greg Frezados '90, Curt Goldman '00, and Peter Skoglund, whose youngest son Daniel is a Midd freshman and middle son Matt graduated in '01. Compared notes on all the baseball national championships we won with the recent hockey and lacrosse national championship stories-a-plenty." ✷ **John Aicher** (aicheresq@msn.com), who lives in Rockville Centre, NY, recently bought a beach house in Southold, NY. He and wife Stacey have a big year ahead, celebrating their 10th anniversary and his 10th year of running his own law firm. John and Stacey have two kids, Jillian (4) and Aidan (6). ✷ **Bessie Cromwell Speers** enjoyed representing Middlebury at the inauguration of Sandy Unger as the 10th president of Goucher College in October. Bessie and Tom live in Baltimore with son Guthrie (1) and daughter Nellie (3). ✷ **Brad** and **Katie Carpenter Nelson** (kjcnelson@aol.com) welcomed daughter Lindsay Grace Nelson on October 13. She joins big brothers Graham (6) and AJ (4). They are living in Edina, MN, where they both grew up. Brad works in the investment business and

A December gathering in Simsbury, CT, celebrated the marriage of Debra Payne '85 and Tony Jewell on September 29 in Jackson Hole. '85s at the shower included Toni Mauck Butterfield, Nancy Urner-Berry, Deb Payne Jewell, Laura Bull Bailey, and Jenny Karin Sidford.

Katie is at home with the kids. ✷ **Chris Peters** and wife Kathryn are living down in Texas: "We really enjoyed reunion and it was great for Kathryn to be able to spend more time with my Midd friends. We traveled to Washington, DC, at the end of October for some sightseeing and a friend's wedding. It was unbelievably empty due to the events of September 11. During that trip we visited with Hans and **Ginny Thomas Wydler** and their kids, Hans and Isabel. (Isabel was born just before reunion.) My term as commissioner of the Texas HS Lacrosse League ended in October. It has been great to be a part of the growth of lacrosse in Texas. I was in touch a fair amount last fall with **Erin Quinn** about some of our better Texas players. Erin has raised the level of talent very high the past few years at Middlebury." ✷ **Michael Smith** recently relocated from San Antonio and joined the Cornell-Weill Medical College in NYC as associate university counsel. ✷ **Emily Conant Spinna** is happy to report the birth of daughter Eliza Conant Spinna on April 24, 2001. She joins sister Rose Augusta (2.5). Emily writes: "I'm taking time off from practicing environmental law and staying home with Rose and Eliza. I split my time between NYC and Southampton, NY." ✷ In Boston, **Julie Morris Ogden**, **Kate Wallace Perrotta**, **Pam Grady MacMullen**, **Sue Whitty-Zehner**, and **Lisa Cheney Sullivan** met for some serious Christmas shopping and lunching. Julie is living in Byfield, MA, where husband Steve teaches at Governor Dummer Academy. Julie and Steve have two sons, Malcolm (3.5) and Christopher (1.5). Kate is an attorney for Electric Insurance Co. in Beverly, MA. Kate and Paul '84 have twin daughters, Liz and Lucy (4), and another daughter, Maggie (2). Kate, Paul and the girls live in Hamilton, MA, where they recently bought the house Kate grew up in. Pam resides and teaches at the Taft School, where husband William was recently named Head of School. They have two boys, Jon (6) and Tom (4). Sue, a tax director for Yale Univ., lives in Hartford with husband Andrew '84, and children Emma (6), Nell (4.5), and Harry (2). ✷ **Paul Morrison**, **Tom Farrell**, **Anne Marshall Norris**, and **Lisa Cheney Sullivan** gathered with spouses (and in-laws) for what seems to be transpiring as a new holiday tradition. We hope to have many more in the Boston area join us next year! Paul lives in Dover, MA, with wife Tonja and daughters Isobel (2.5) and Abigail (almost 1). **Tom Farrell** and wife Betsy live by the ocean in Newburyport, MA, with Patrick (5.5), Maggie (2.5), and Matthew (1.5). Tom is an attorney for Tyco International in New Hampshire. Anne and family recently moved from New York State to Sutton, NH, where she skis the winter months away with daughter Olivia (12) and son Justin (10). Anne (an.neds@ttlc.net) is president of the Maine/New Hampshire Xerox Sales Agency, New England Document Solutions, Inc.

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Gina and **Rod Ward** and children Carolyn (5), Julia (3), and Robby (1) were planning to return to the U.S. in January. After living the last four years in Wiesbaden, Germany, they are moving to Wilmington, Delaware. "We look forward to being a little closer to old friends and family." ✷ **Sally Evans** writes from her home in Schleswig, Germany: "My husband and I just rented the movie *Best In Show* and recognized **Hiro Kanagawa** playing the role of the pet shop owner. It was a fairly brief scene, but it was definitely him, because I noticed his name in the credits at the end. Did anyone else see that?" ✷ **Tal Birdsey** is the head teacher at North Branch, a one-room school in Ripton, VT. The curriculum is flexible, using talent from the community. Tal attended a school similar to North Branch when he grew up in Atlanta. He emphasizes that he wants most of all for his students to learn about themselves and the community as they study their curricula. "The more they can learn to tend to their own needs and take care of each other, the more they'll be teaching themselves," he reported. ✷ **Brian Williams** is living in Burlington, VT, and teaching English at BHS. "Married since 1996 to Bookies Tampas, we have Haven (4) and Maude (1) to keep us busy." ✷ Shaun and **Phil Simonides** are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, daughter London. Phil is still working for American Express and living in north Virginia. ✷ **Daphne Gil** reports the arrival of daughter Daelyn Leigh Dagostino last June. "My son, Devin (4 in December) welcomed her with open arms, but sometimes longs for the days when it was just "mama, papa, and me." Daphne says she is "still writing plays, knitting, and laughing." ✷ Kevin and **Buffy Andrews Lamberson** are proud to announce the birth of daughter Lauren, "who arrived two and one-half weeks early, while we were out of town for Thanksgiving! It's been a wonderful experience, and we look forward to meeting everyone else's future Midd kids at our reunion in the spring."

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Secretary Puri reports: I want to thank all of you who responded to my holiday e-mail. It was wonderful to hear from so many of you and thank you for your notes, pictures, and news. If you haven't received a message, I'm sorry, but it probably means that we haven't got your most up-to-date e-mail address. But here's your chance to update all of your information by joining Middlebury's new online community! When you go to the Web site, you can register and easily update your personal information. You can also search for your friends, join a discussion or chat group, register for events (on and off campus), and post news and pictures! ✷ Kristen and **David Bohanon** are living in Oklahoma with son Andrew (3). After nine years of running his own law practice, David is now doing commercial real estate and having a great time! David and his family visited **Jim Falvey** on the Cape last summer. ✷ Annie and **Ian Williams** and kids Eliza (5) and Peter (3) love living in Wilmington, DE. He complains about the lack of snow, but otherwise he sounds like a Chamber of Commerce representative, calling Wilmington "just about the ideal place for us, with a nice mix of big city access, urban arts and culture, covered bridges, and trout streams." ✷ We received a great photo of **Jeremy Fryberger** and his dog, Woof, outside his new home in Sun Valley, ID. After years of working for an architecture firm, Jer has started his own comprehensive service, *Jeremy Fryberger Architecture and Construction*. He'll provide everything for his clients except the financing! If you head out to do some winter skiing or some summer hiking and fishing, look him up. ✷ Professional photographer and self-proclaimed "fun hog" **Michael Halle** sent a beautiful card from his home in Portland, OR. ✷ **Chris Wood** spent January term here in Middlebury, teaching a course in the environmental studies department. Yes, Woody is shaping young Middlebury minds. ✷ Back in the Boston area, **Chris** and **Kristin Crowder Dollase** send news of the birth of son John (Jack) Christopher Dollase on November 12. He joins big sister Caroline (almost 3). In February, Kristin was heading back to work in communications consulting with William M. Mercer; Chris is a lawyer with Testa, Hurwitz and Thibeault. ✷ Those of you in the Boston area may have seen a January newspaper article about the fabulous bakery-restaurant, Pane e Salute in Woodstock, VT, owned and operated by our very own **Caleb Barber** and his wife Deirdre Heekin '89. Rave reviews all around! ✷ **Matt** and **Liana Discepolo Caffrey** have a new daughter, Natalie Maria. She joined her older sister, Michela (3), on May 28. ✷ Ron and **Sondra Thomas Papanek** live in NYC. Needless to say, Sondra is very busy with three children, Ella (2) and twins Clay and Anika (born in November 2000). ✷ **Chris Summersgill** is currently on a "play binge" (he should look up Mike Halle), while he re-evaluates his professional career. He has traveled back East to visit Midd friends, to Guatemala to learn Spanish, and to Tahoe to do some skiing. He's probably back in San Fran by now! ✷ The Bay Area is home to tons of Midd alumni, including **Michelle Dube**, who is working for Cisco Systems, and **David Peak**, who married Pamela Mahoney on June 23 in South Yarmouth, MA. David is VP of business development for software company Aftermind, Inc. and his wife is a project manager for Sapient Corp. ✷ **Bridie Jennings Dumont** reports that she is living a bicultural, bilingual life in Paris with her French husband (whom she met on her junior year abroad) and sons Cedric and Julien (6 and 4). Bridie is writing for the kids' international school newspaper and teaching art classes. She's a great volunteer, interviewing prospective Midd students. ✷ Other volunteers in our class include **Leslie Virostek**, who came up to campus in January to talk with Midd students about life as a freelance writer. ✷ Holiday greetings also came in from **Peter** and Julie Reed '89 **Strauss**, **Roman Macaya**, and **Matt Iler**. ✷ **Tim** and Caroline Pu '87 **Archibald** are enjoying life in Cambridge, MA, with son Logan (2): "He's quite a handful at this stage and we spoil him rotten. Neither of us wants to be bad cop." Tim's eloquent message is worth sharing with everyone: "Things are good in our lives here. Especially after the cumulative events of the past year for our country, we take great stock in how fortunate we have been and continue to be—really a life of blessings." ✷ Thank you all for the good word, the good work, and for keeping in touch. Please send me more and please come visit your alma mater soon. You are always welcome!

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Secretary McBurney reports: **Delilah Poupore** (delilah@antdeli.com) just released her second independently produced CD, *From Here*. "I'm part of a contemporary folk duo out of Santa Barbara called Antara & Delilah. We're looking forward to our second West Coast tour this summer." (Web site: www.antdeli.com). ✷ **Katie Ray Chang** took some time off last summer to travel with husband

Derek, before moving across the country to NYC. Katie was planning a January visit to **Jay** and **Janelle Moburg Leonard** to meet their daughter, Phoebe Elizabeth, who was born in December 2001. ✷ "After spending a few years at the cutting edge of the Internet, working for DoubleClick, **Vic Hoyt** is happily taking a break from the working world. Last we heard she was eating tacos on the beach in Baja, Mexico. "Life is good," writes Vic. ✷ **Susan Spilecki** is writing a book about part-time college faculty and would love to hear from you, if you are one: spilecki@mit.edu. ✷ **Nancy Moore** reports that she "was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in Dover-Foxcroft, ME, on January 19. Hallelujah!" ✷ "A little earlier than expected," writes **Laura Andrews Alberton**, "we welcomed our son, Theodore (Ted) Gregory Alberton, into the world on November 17. **Susan Anderegg** was a huge help with her support and expertise in obstetrics. Even though we were across the country from each other, she was a great help over the phone." ✷ Congratulations to several newlyweds in our class. **Stacy Whitman** and Ted Kelly were married July 27 in Sea Girt, NJ. Stacy is a freelance writer who has contributed articles to several national magazines. She's working on a book for Random House/Broadway Books. Ted is a director at Aesop Capital partners, a funds management firm in San Francisco, where they live. ✷ The marriage of Kristin Veker and **Kemper Ryan** took place on September 22 in Minneapolis. "We are living in Chicago, so call us when you get to town." ✷ Shuchi Kiri and **John Rodgers** were married on October 27 at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Both doctors, the two met in the emergency room at Temple University Hospital, where Jock is a resident in urology. Shuchi is a radiology resident at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. Apparently it was on the squash court where romance blossomed. ✷ At the Univ. of NH, **George Hurtt** was recently promoted to assistant prof. in the department of natural resources and the Institute for the Study of Earth Oceans and Space: "I teach and do research on several federal grants, on topics including Amazon deforestation, the U.S. carbon budget, the global carbon cycle, and global climate change. I am also a principal author and scientific spokesman for the New England Regional Assessment of the Potential Impacts of Climate Variability and Change, published this year. And, when I'm not 'working,' I have been training to become a registered Maine sea-kayak guide, teleskiing, and pursuing many other interests."

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Sheila Trask has opened a new business in her Bethel, VT, home, offering services from word processing and academic typing to resumé development and research. A former cataloguer at the Baker Berry Library at Dartmouth College, Sheila has experience in teaching advanced online search strategies, and she's also a writer with recent articles in *Roots and Wings*, an adoption publication. She serves as a contributing editor to *Essential Living*. ✷ Alexandra Kirby and **Dennis Taylor** were married on November 10 in Garden City, NY. In Manhattan, Alexandra is a regional sales director for the Hartford Life Insurance Co., and Dennis is a senior consultant for Experio Solutions, business and technology consultants. ✷ **Alex Mahoney** and husband Von Rollenhagen both work at Newark Academy in Livingston, NJ. Daughter Zoe (5) is in kindergarten and son Sam is 3.5. ✷ **Lovisa Johnsson** is an account director for Circle, an interactive agency in Wilton, CT. ✷ **Tim** and **Jude Wright Battista** are happily ensconced in Brookeville, MD, with daughter Allison, who Jude reports, "has definite Tim genes." Tim is still working for NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), and Jude is playing and teaching piano. ✷ In Denver, **Whitney Todd Zimmerman** is also enjoying motherhood with daughter Caden (2). ✷ **Gary Sedlik** has a new job as a litigator for White & Case, working on international banking disputes and employment counseling, for their L.A. office. Living in Manhattan Beach, Gary recently traveled north and saw **Matt Traina** and **YoungHae Chu** in their new home in Oakland, CA. ✷ While still living in Portland, OR, and writing for the *Willammette Weekly*, **Nick Budnick** may soon be relocating to the East Coast. ✷ Last June, **Pat Dorton** married in DC, with a coterie of Midd classmates (Nick, **Jay Barry**, **Chip Hart**, and **Rob Gray** among them) and congressmen (including Tom Daschle) in attendance. Chip Hart reportedly wore a Kiss tie to the ceremony. ✷ **Mark Mirsky** is also a newlywed, marrying Sara McCormick, an Irish lass. The two met working for the same advertising firm in NYC, and married in Ireland in December 2001. ✷ David and **Mary Kate Welch Barbosa** welcomed son Tiernan Eamon Barbosa on October 27. He joins siblings Elizabeth (9) and Sean (6). ✷ Last November, **Felice De Ruggiero** completed a marathon for the American Diabetes Association in Bermuda. It was her first marathon and she was very happy to place 38th out of 415 runners. Felice lives in Watertown, MA, and works at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital as a social worker on the AIDS service. She hoped to get up to Midd this winter for some cross-country skiing. ✷ **Natana De Long-Bas** announces the birth of son Gabriel LeRoy on July 11. He joins big sister Aurora (3). She also announces the publication of a coauthored book, with John L. Esposito, called *Women in Muslim Family Law* (2nd ed. Syracuse Univ. Press, 2001). Also, Natana has entered a new branch of her career as a specialist on the Middle East since the 9/11 attacks. She has been doing a lot of public speaking in Massachusetts and New Hampshire on Islam and the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. Her field of expertise is Islamic movements, with a particular focus on the 20th century.

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Paralympic gold medal winner **Chris Waddell** was on hand to light the Olympic cauldron in Salt Lake City for the evening celebration on February 7. ✷ **Jen Poinier Ballinger** (theballingers@bryanballinger.com) writes to "share the news that Merrill Alice Ballinger joined Bryan and me and our two dogs on September 11. Yup, September 11. It sure is nice to have a GOOD reason to remember that day!" ✷ **Tara Kasaks** (tarakasaks@aol.com) and Peter Cowles were married on September 9, 2000, in Waterbury, VT. She writes: "Moved to Boston from NYC over three years ago, first working for Digitas and now for Stride Rite, the Keds Corp., in marketing. I often see **Julie Jones**, who is a corporate lawyer at Goodwin Proctor." Tara also sends news of two new births. Chuck and **Catherine McGrady Matthews**, who have moved from Northampton, MA, to Columbia, SC, welcomed son Carter in February 2001. Also new parents, Tom and **Jennifer Miller French** have a new daughter, Claire, born October 2001. They live in Brooklyn Heights. ✷ The marriage of **Catherine Speth** and Clayton McCullough took place on March 10, 2001, in Columbia, SC, where Catherine teaches at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School and Clayton is an attorney with the law firm of Collins and Lacy. ✷ **Robin van Orman Azqueta** (rvomail@yahoo.com) reports that she has left Corporate America and has started her own small business and marketing consulting firm, called Big Sky Enterprises. ✷ **Becky Castle** is the new executive director of EARTH University Foundation. EARTH is a Spanish acronym for School for Agriculture in the Humid Tropics Region. Based in Costa Rica, the university draws students from all over Latin America.

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Tom Evans (tevans@callegari-berville.fr) writes: "After a couple of years in South America, my wife, Jen, and I have moved back to Europe. To Paris this time. Paris is as wonderful as ever; yet, it's hard to acclimate to the cold weather after years of sun and beach. And the French habit of gutting apartments they vacate is amusing. One has to become an amateur electrician to deal with all of the exposed wires dangling from sockets. One of the biggest draws to France was proximity to old Midd friends and their frequent visits. For some odd reason, people seem to be more inclined to visit Paris than Sao Paulo. So far we've had some memorable occasions with **Ehsun Khan**, **Jamie Hamilton**, **Julia Kay**, Gisela Williams '93, Julien Dobbs-Higginson '94, and others. Keep bumping into Sophie Pietrini '94 in the streets, too. We're looking forward to visits from many others, so please do get in touch when in town." ✷ **Geoffrey Geiger** (geoffrey.geiger.2001@anderson.ucla.edu) has been living in London since September, working at a distressed debt trading firm. ✷ "After a lot of time running around Europe," writes **Mila Pavek** (mila.k.pavek@sea-launch.com) (M.A. Russian '93), "I am now employed at Sea Launch out in the Los Angeles area. I am happy to have a friend from the Russian master's program (Lora Wheeler, M.A. Russian '93) out here to keep me company. I would love to hear from any old friends in the area, but Lora and I are particularly trying to get in touch with **Gavin** and **Denise Getty Symes**." ✷ With her Ph.D. in school psychology (Univ. of CT), **Heather Pedersen Peck** is now the psychologist at Bethany Community School in Connecticut. ✷ A large gathering attended the marriage of Joanne Doyle and **Matt Pauley** on March 31. Matt wrote: "See you all at reunion this spring." ✷ **Stephanie Ruby** and Derek Eletich were married on May 5, 2001, in Santa Barbara, CA. A graduate of Santa Clara Univ. Law School, Stephanie is employed by Wilson Sonsini Goodrich Rosati. Derek works for Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP. ✷ The marriage of Victoria Pleshakova and **Nicholas Hinge** took place on July 28 on Mount Philo, south of Burlington, VT. He's employed by Lightship Telecom in Williston. ✷ **Jonathan** and Ashley Essex '94 **Thayer** announce the arrival of son Storrs Essex Thayer on

August 15. They are calling him Essex and have pronounced him a "wonderful addition to our family." ✷ **Carla Huck** and Michael Paisan welcomed daughter Arianna on October 9. Carla is the director of TeachNet, an international educational technology program of the nonprofit organization Teachers Network. Michael is a principal of investment banking firm Williams Capital. They live in NYC, where Carla has kept in close contact with **Clare Burns**, who divides her time between Paris and Val d'Isire, France. ✷ **Cynthia Gabriel** writes: "Our news: **Felix Paulick** and I had a baby, Sylvia Vienna Gabriel, on September 25. I'm really proud of our amazing, wonderful homebirth in our NYC apartment (with a midwife, of course). I'm studying to be a midwife myself. We're totally into the parenting-baby thing. It's SOO great. I would have done it years ago if I had known!" ✷ **Kingman Gordon** reports that all is well on the West Coast, where he continues to work at *ESPN Magazine*: "While the San Francisco advertising climate has been quiet, I am optimistic that things will heat up towards the end of the year. At least, that's what I continue to say to myself everyday. The year has been filled with lots of Midd activity on the East Coast and West. **Pete Walsh** hosted a ton of Middlebury people at his wedding in Jackson, WY, last summer. The list is too long and the memory too short to recall all the names. **Tristram Perkins** followed that up by hosting a large Midd crew over Labor Day weekend in Chatham, Cape Cod. On hand were **Bill Tice, Matt Pauley, Rob Reis, Nick Elfner, John Rudge, Sara Weale, Warner McGowin, Ben Faucett, Pete Walsh**, myself and many more. **Nick Elfner, Bill Tice, Drew Meyers, John** and **Sara Rudge**, and I all welcomed in the new year together in the Adirondack Mountains of New York. It was a fun-filled time that included lots of pond hockey, a sleigh ride, and our own version of the winter Olympics. A good time was had by all! Finally, on the West Coast, a recent party in San Francisco brought together the likes of **Pete Steinle, Matt Thompson**, myself, and John '93 and **Blakely Anderson Atherton**, as well as Ian Morton '91 and Mike Chorske '90. Always good to see the Midd crew. See you all soon."

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Adrienne Macki Effron (adrienne_effron@emerson.edu) is a full-time drama teacher in a middle school outside of Boston; she also works part time at a small performing arts school: "I love my students—they are eager and enthusiastic. Meanwhile, I'm finishing my M.A. in theatre education from Emerson College, hoping to get in a Ph.D. program in the fall. It has been a very hectic two years, but I've fully made the transition from corporate to academic." ✷ **Holly Cookis** (holly.cookis.93@alumni.middlebury.edu) has accepted a new position with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, "where I have been working for nearly three years. In July, I am moving back to the East Coast to be the regional special events manager for the Northeast." She hadn't picked a city as of this winter, "but I'm looking at Albany, Boston, Providence, and Hartford right now." ✷ **Stephen Prescott** (stephen.prescott@alumni.middlebury.edu writes: "I'm still working my day job at Fidelity Investments doing software architecture, but I'm happy to report I've launched my woodworking business, Bodhi Tree Woodworking, in a desperate attempt to keep my sanity. The corporate world is for the birds—my heart and soul are in woodworking! I specialize in building Craftsman-style furniture and cabinetry, traditionally in quarter-sawn white oak." ✷ **Christine LeDoux** and Marty Johnson, who were married June 17, 2000, are living in Seattle. ✷ Susan Buzby and **Joshua Barnes** were married on May 19, 2001, in Madison, AL. Living in DC, Susan is a communications coordinator and Josh is a staff accountant at bigdough.com in Bethesda, MD. ✷ The marriage of **Meredith McLean** and Mark Gramelspacher also took place on May 19 in Dorset, VT. Meredith is an attorney with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in DC, and works on assignment as an attorney at the office of legal counsel for the Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management. Mark is chairman and CEO of Evergreen Capital Management Co. They live in Indianapolis. ✷ **Bill** (bill@badwordrock.com) and **Amoreena** (amoreena@hotmail.com) **Hartnett O'Bryon** are happy to announce the birth of daughter Zoe Francesca on May 27, 2001. After six years in San Francisco, Amoreena and Bill have moved back to the East Coast and are freelance Web designers in Woodstock, NY. ✷ **Jack** and Ashley Essex '94 **Thayer** are happy to announce the arrival of son Storrs Essex Thayer on August 15. ✷ Tom and **Amanda Clayman Levenberg** welcomed daughter Anna Rebecca on Thanksgiving day, November 22. Amanda writes: "Tom and I are both lawyers living in Chicago. I can be contacted at claylev@attbi.com and I would love to hear from old friends." ✷ Santa was good to the Synnott family this year! Lauren and **Mark Synnott** welcomed son Matt on December 23: "8 lbs., 11 oz., and solid as a rock." ✷ **Chris** and Jennifer Parton '94 **Hansen** welcomed son Sterling Christopher on January 26, 2001. By the time they had time to write, he was "busy crawling on the beach and eating sand, here in southern California."

Rick Balakier '94 (in front), Roberta Stewart '95, Becki Plona Peterson '95, Janine Hetherington '95, Foster Goodrich Hetherington '95, Isabella Lucarelli (future MiddKid), Hannah Lucarelli (Midd relative), Maya Van Putten '95, and Duffy Thompson '94 hiked on Camel's Hump last October.

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After 20 months in Chile, **Eugene Lee** (eugenlee@yahoo.com) returned to graduate school in Connecticut for his master's in environmental management, focusing on conservation biology. Now he's working at the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), U.S. office, in DC: "I am a program officer in the Species Conservation Program and am/will be working on charismatic megafauna (read: big, fuzzy animals that people love and want to save), such as elephants, rhinos, tigers, possibly whales, orangutans, pandas, vaquitas (a porpoise), gorillas, and turtles, mostly in Asia and Africa, but occasionally in Latin America and other places as well. So, I'm back in DC, living just a couple blocks from where I used to live in Arlington, VA. If you come to DC, please look me up. I would love to see you and play tour guide around DC. Also, I was recently on an elephant survey for WWF in Sabah, Malaysia. To find out what happened on the survey and see some awesome pictures, go to http://www.worldwildlife.org/ and click on 'The Heart of Borneo' graphic to get to the Web site. You can access the expedition by scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking on 'WWF Expeditions' under the 'Featured Sites' section. So there you have it. You're caught up on what I've been up to. I'd love to hear from you, but warn you that you may not hear back for a while. But you're all in my thoughts." ✷ **Gene Swift** returned to Middlebury in January to teach Screenwriting I. It snowed on the day he landed in Burlington and the night before his wife arrived for a visit, so he was happy to have and be able to share winter term the way he always remembered it—"except for all the fancy new buildings all over the place." ✷ **Jeff David**, **Phoebe Folger**, and Fritz Muench '96 were in New Orleans to cheer on the Pats in the Super Bowl. Eric Schroeder '95 opened his home and was a gracious host. **Matt Gorra** was also there to join in the festivities. GO PATS! ✷ **Peter** (paspbury@europeancredit.com) and **Alex Mackintosh Aspbury** recently moved to London from NYC. ✷ **Victoria Bulkley** and Nicholas Banks were married on May 19, 2001. Victoria is an equity research analyst with WPG Farber-Present Fund, LP in NYC. Nicholas is a VP in institutional equity sales at ABN AMRO. ✷ The marriage of **Katherine Behrens** and Scott Crosby took place on June 16. While employed by Interior Visions in Boston, Katherine is pursuing a master's in interior design from the New England School of Art and Design at Suffolk Univ. Scott is in account management at Bridge Information Systems. ✷ The September 2 marriage of **Heidi Van Winkle** and Craig Gorton in Maine took place at Wohelo, the Luther Gulick Camps, where Heidi is employed. Craig is employed by TPI, and they are living in South Dartmouth, MA. ✷ **Viviana Gentile** and John Drake were married October 6 in the Chapel of Jesus in Frascati, Italy. Now living in Burlington, VT, Viviana works for the Burlington school system and John is employed by IDX. ✷ On December 8, Huey Fern and **Alvin Ung** were married in Malaysia, where he is a corespondent for the Associated Press.

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Masina Wright has been living in Toronto, Ontario, for six years: "Four of it was spent at the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine, becoming a naturopathic doctor. I have now opened a wellness clinic 360° Health Care, and am on the verge of starting a corporate wellness development program by the name of Green Cross

Corporate Wellness. I'm still living very happily with my partner of seven years, Katie Yealland, and truly enjoy living in Toronto. I would love to hear from some of my Midd friends, especially **Jenny Raybin Madden**, **Jen Jefferson**, and **Molly Reeves Leifeld**. My e-mail is masinawright-naturopath@rogers.com." ✷ "After a year of many changes," writes **Rebecca Plona Peterson**, "I've found myself back at Middlebury—a great place to be! After three years I left the private school I'd helped to found. As beautiful as Vermont's Northeast Kingdom is, it was just too remote to settle there. In August I married Chris Peterson at the Topnotch Resort in Stowe, with **Janine Hetherington**, **Bert Stewart**, **Rick Balakier**, and **Steve Sidore** serving as 'bridespeople.' **Foster Goodrich Hetherington**, Paul Hughes '94, Bryan Wockley '94, **Maya Van Putten**, Duffy Thompson '94, and Lesley Tomion '94 also attended. We moved to Leicester, three miles from Lake Dunmore, and are living in a great old converted barn on Fern Lake. I joined the development office at the College full time this winter. Chris and I are training our malamute for dogsled racing, and plan to raise a guide dog puppy in the spring. I'll be beginning my master's in clinical psychology (in my spare time), and am looking forward to increased Middlebury-related travel over the next few months. Be in touch if you plan to visit the area!" ✷ **Foster** (janifost@sover.net) and **Janine** (jhetheri@middlebury.edu) **Hetherington** send news: "Happy to be rid of 2001, we rang in the new year at our house in Brandon with Paula and **Steve Sidore**, Rick Balakier '94, and Chris and **Becki Plona Peterson**. I finished my graduate degree at Harvard last summer and am back at work in college advancement at Middlebury. After suffering the loss of his brother on September 11, Foster decided to get out of high finance and spend some time doing carpentry. He's loving his work with the McKernon Group and is starting the Dragonfly Foundation, a nonprofit organization that will work with the families of the victims of terrorism. We send sincere thanks to all our Midd friends who have been so supportive during this extremely difficult time." ✷ After a brief career in financial research, **Spencer Williams** bought a small pet toy operation in Bozeman, MT, with $400,000 in sales and 20 products. Five years later, West Paw Design has a new factory and $2.6 million in sales to more than 1,600 retailers. Its 120 hand-finished products are tested by Spencer's cat, Ollie, and his Labrador, Schoggi. ✷ **Spencer Tullo** writes: "I am enjoying living in NYC, where I serve as financial director of 'Out for Business,' a nonprofit promoting G/L/Bisexual businesses. I often see Midd pals **John Beveridge** and **Chris Gostyla**, and hope to hear from anyone in New York." ✷ **Jonathan McDonagh** (mcdonagh2001@hotmail.com) graduated from UVM College of Medicine, after a research expedition to Everest Base Camp in Nepal with Jason Dimmig '96. Now he's an internal medicine resident at the Univ. of Washington. ✷ Nicole Amato and **David Nalchajian** were married on June 30. Nicole is a resident at the Univ. of MD Medical Center. David is attending the Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. ✷ The marriage of **Kelly McKeown** and Samuel Gaudet took place on July 7 in Norwich, VT. Kelly teaches second grade at the Brearley School in Manhattan; Samuel is the director of admissions at the Wooster School in Danbury, CT. They live in Greenwich. ✷ **Riikka Pakkala** and Daniel Rakic were married on September 14. They are living in Dusseldorf, Germany. ✷ **Dan** and Julie Fedin '97 **Morris** celebrated the birth of son Nicholas Joseph on September 27. ✷ **Jamey** and **Sarah Wyatt Thissell** welcomed Rebecca Hawthorne Thissell on April 2, 2001. "We spent four years in NYC, while Jamey attended med school at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons. Now we are living near Albany, NY, where Jamey has started his residency in emergency medicine. Drop us a line at jthissel@nycap.rr.com."

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There was a holiday fund-raiser on December 1 in Boston to honor our dearly missed classmate **Jeff Bittner**. The proceeds benefited the Jeffrey D. Bittner Memorial Fund, established by his family to support Jeff's commitment to several organizations. The organizing committee of the event included **Amanda Gordon**, **Andrew Kvaal**, **Dan Rice**, **Heidi Hirschberg Fagan**, Lisa Perry Harrison '95, and **Stuart Salyer**. Laurie Healy '95 (Jeff's girlfriend) and Pam Bittner (Jeff's twin sister) helped spread the word about the fund-raiser and the event drew a huge crowd, including over 75 Middlebury alumni. The Jeffrey D. Bittner Memorial Fund (C/O Sovereign Bank, 1221 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109) supports Jeff's commitment to several charities, including a NYC mentoring program in which he was involved, where he pledged to support a child's tuition costs through high school; the American Cancer Society (in honor of his mother); and his Catholic elementary school, Corpus Christi, in Wethersfield, CT. Donations in his honor may also be made to Middlebury College. ✷ **Nicole Allard** passed the Colorado bar exam last July and went to work for the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development in Denver. ✷ **Kim Barnet** (kim_barnet@yahoo.com) writes: "After working as a strategic consultant in Beijing for the past four years, I have returned to New York to seek new job opportunities in the media-related fields." ✷ **Amy Zebrowski** and Dana Pawlicki '93 were married on May 26, 2001. ✷ On June 2, **April Bolton** and Scott Smith were married in Burlington, VT. April is employed by the U.S. Dept. of Education and Scott works at Proxicom, Inc. They live in Arlington, VA. ✷ Jennifer Ulrich and **Brooks Fisher** were married on September 1 in Ward, CO. Jennifer is pursuing a degree in science education from Regis Univ. in Denver. Brooks is the director of corporate development for the Buyer's Page, Inc., an Internet software company in Lakewood, CO. ✷ The September 15 marriage of Ellen Casey and **Stephen Boyd** took place in Greenwich, CT. Stephen is director of sales for Boyd Converting Co. in South Lee, MA. They live in Boston. ✷ **Dan O'Brien**'s play, *An Irish Play* (published by Dramatic Publishing Inc.), has won the Mark Twain Comedy Playwriting Award through the Kennedy Center. The Kennedy Center recently commissioned Dan to write a play for young audiences.

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Justin Racz is living in NYC, where he's a copywriter at BBDO Worldwide Advertising. He has written commercials for Pepsi, Frito Lay, and Cingular Wireless. ✷ **Kate Oates** is in graduate school at NYU, getting a master's in early childhood elementary education and teaching pre-kindergarten at St. David's school. ✷ Scott and **Christine McCann Hamner** (married in August 1999) live in NYC, where she's an associate at Goldman Sachs. ✷ A special thank you to **Amy Nichols** for helping pull together information regarding the class of '97 and '97.5. Amy and **Jamee Field** are working in New York at CSFB and will be traveling Europe together this summer. Jamee plans to attend business school next fall. Amy recently hosted a huge gathering of alumni and friends at Bar 9 on the lower east side in Manhattan. Hundreds of Midd alumni were in attendance, and it was a great precursor to reunions! ✷ **Lilia Gerberg** (lilia_gerberg@yahoo.com) recently returned from Peace Corps service in Zambia and is living in NYC. ✷ **Graham Balch** (graham_balch@yahoo.com) joined the Peace Corps and is stationed in Guatemala, where he lives in a remote jungle village: "I'm helping the local government office plan development with more participation of the people." ✷ **Jonathan** and **Sara Vintiadis McCall**, married in June 2000, are now living in Dublin, Ireland. ✷ At the world premiere of his *Not Another Teen Movie* in December, **Mike Bender** was joined by Midd friends **Matt Bijur, Keith Liljegren, Nick Wilkoff, Adam Duarte**, and **Dates Fryberger** (who took great photos of the event). The film featured the names of many Middlebury alums on the back of football jerseys, such as Anthony Civale '96, **Maggie Bittinger**, and **Keith Liljegren**. Mike is also coproducer of *Cheaters*," a feature being released this spring by New Line Cinema. He's writing his follow-up project at Columbia, a Halloween comedy for kids called *Fistful of Candy*. ✷ **Jessica Weinstock** is an account manager at Zentropy Partners in Los Angeles. "My client is GMBuyPower.com. I'm applying to business school for next fall." She spent New Years in Mammoth (a California ski resort). She recently saw **A.B. Pomeroy**, who is now in Germany with her boyfriend. ✷ **Emily Hainen** and her beau, Scott, were moving from Phoenix to San Francisco, where Scott got a job with a law firm. ✷ Also in San Francisco, **Rebecca Fine** (rebeccaefine@yahoo.com) is working for Equant, a subsidiary of the France Telecom Group; and **Jen Horn** is working in the telecom industry. ✷ Still in San Francisco, **Weezie Smith** is working at Wilderness Travel and was off to Chile in mid-February. ✷ After graduating from the Univ. of WA School of Law last spring, **Katie Hosford Traverse** (travk@perkinscoie.com) became an attorney in Seattle law firm Perkins Coie LLP. ✷ After spending a year in Moscow, **Christine Jacobs** (chrstnj@yahoo.com) got her M.A. from Midd's Russian School in August and is now living with Meredith Hinkley '95 in Portland, OR: "I'm an Americorps VISTA volunteer, working with the Regional Drug Initiative, an organization that fights drug and alcohol abuse. We love it here in Oregon, but we miss the Green Mountains of Vermont." ✷ **Matt Bijur** was working on the Winter Olympic Games in Utah. ✷ **Jody Kaufman** has been covering the Olympics for *Ski Racing* magazine, where she has been a staff writer for four years. ✷ After Midd, **Andi Bither** went to NH where she worked in the marketing dept. for Tecnica ski boots and Volkl skis with Geoff Curtis '91 and Leslie Baker-Brown '84. After two years, she says she met the man of her dreams and followed him to Vail, CO, where they compete in local and national mountain bike and ski races. Andi made it to New

Zealand last summer to race in a 16-hour endurance ski race. ✷ After **Amy Starr Redwine** (amystarrwine@yahoo.com) graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2001, she and Derek moved to Denver, CO, where she's working on a novel. "I'm planning to start looking for a position as a pastor in a Presbyterian Church in Denver soon, and meanwhile am doing some substitute preaching in local churches." ✷ **Matt Feinberg** hopes to receive his master's in English this spring or summer at Colorado State Univ., where he is also a composition instructor. He enjoys being near the mountains, so hopes to teach in Colorado, New Mexico, or Vermont. ✷ **Matt Ralston** and Julie Smith recently purchased a new home. ✷ Pursuing a career in music, **Clint Bierman** (clintb@gostarpower.com) has released three albums of original music on his own independent record label, called GlennSource Records. After three years in Boulder, CO, he was moving to Boston in February. He's playing in an acoustic duo, as well as with a full band of Midd alums, called The Grift. ✷ In Boston, **Jim Walsh** is a financial adviser at Legg Mason; **Maggie Bittinger** (mbittin@aol.com) is doing sports marketing at Genuity; and **Leslie Graham** is working on her master's in marine biology, while living with **Catherine Mitchell**. ✷ **Bob Rice, Kip Adams**, and **Brian Schmidt** are also living in Boston. Bob works with American Express Financial Advisors. ✷ **Nick** (nwilkoff@forrester.com) and **Becky Cowgill Wilkoff** (becky_wilkoff@hms.harvard.edu) enjoy living close to many friends in Boston. Becky is a course manager at Harvard Medical School; Nick is an analyst at Forrester Research. ✷ After four years in San Francisco, **Zach Hallowell** (zhallowell@ yahoo.com) and **Katie Lillich** (kmlillich@dancingdeer.com) recently moved to the Boston Area. Katie manages corporate sales and marketing for Dancing Deer Baking Company, while Zach is a project manager for tech company Autodaq. ✷ On his fifth job since graduation, **Max Shapiro** (maxim.shapiro@citizensbank.com) is a financial consultant with Citizens Bank, living in Medford. Max hopes to see all of you at reunion. ✷ Tim and **Kathy Kulis Dailey** (married August 5) recently purchased a home in Dedham. Kathy is a special education teacher in the Boston Public School System and Tim is a Web/architect designer. **Kara Delahunt**, David Kulis '95, **Sahili Sheth**, **Amy N. Smith**, and Mike Szymanski '98 were at the wedding. ✷ Also living in Dedham, **Nellie Fox** is working at Angell Memorial Hospital in Boston. ✷ Living in Burlington, **Jessie Donavan** is a market analyst at UVM: "**Peter Schneider** and I were married August 4 at my father's house in Bennington, VT. Pete is working as a 'green' builder in the Burlington area." ✷ Dan '95 and **Julie Fedin Morris** welcomed son Nicholas Joseph on September 27. ✷ High school sweethearts **Melissa Sopher** and David Moran were married in Shelburne, VT, on May 20, 2001. Celebrating with them were Erika Schubert Bachiochi '96, **Jill Wertheim**, Crispin (faculty) and Barbara Butler, Jeff (faculty) and Nancy Dunham, **Andrew Reisner**, and **Vikram Sundar**. ✷ **Elizabeth Heckman** and Drew Tanzosh were married June 23 in Manchester Center. They live in Sheffield, MA, where they both teach at the Berkshire School. ✷ **Jocelyn Nill** plans to receive her master's in teaching from Tufts Univ. this May. ✷ **Heidi Erdmann Vance** has moved from Vermont to Connecticut, where she is president of a nonprofit foundation she founded two years ago, the Curtis R. Vance Foundation, Inc. The purposes of the foundation include, but are not limited to, public education and funding of research for a cure for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and providing assistance to the victims of the disease and their families. Heidi's husband, Curtis, died of ALS a little over two years ago (see *Till Death Us Do Part*, page 38, Fall 2001 *Middlebury Magazine*). In addition, she is writing a book about their experience with ALS. ✷ Living in Pittsburgh, **Henry Simonds** (henrysimonds@hotmail.com) recently finished three years of work on a feature documentary. "I pulled together an exhibition for Middlebury that goes through April. I'm in the process of creating my own production company to pursue further filmmaking opportunities and other creative projects." ✷ In North Carolina, **Tim Fox** works at the Sports Center while writing a screenplay. ✷ **Merideth Cox** (cox00042@mc.duke.edu) is an exercise physiologist at Duke and coaches her old high school swim team in Durham, NC. ✷ **Laura Coogan Leavy** passed the NY State bar exam and is now an A.D.A. for the Nassau County District Attorney's office. She and husband Joseph live in Huntington. She recently visited with **Stephanie Ransom Colby**, **Laura Tabor**, **Wendy Peterson**, and **Kristen Chencus** at Kristen's place in Baltimore. ✷ **Jason** and **Renee Camfield Shellhaas** (shellhaas@email.chop.edu) graduated from the Univ. of MI Medical School in June 2001. Jason is a resident in internal medicine at the Hospital of UPenn, while Renee is a resident in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. "We made our first trip back to Middlebury last summer, staying with Emory and Diana Egbers Fanning '71, and visiting with **Jody Emerson Hatch** and her son, Ryan. It was wonderful to come 'home' to Midd!" ✷ On June 17, Tracy Miller '98 and **John Beeson** were married on the banks of Lake Chautauqua, NY. Living in Ann Arbor, MI, Tracy is a computer trainer for AIP International and John is an architecture grad student at the Univ. of MI. ✷ **Susie Church Maxwell** had a big year. She completed her master's in education) from Harvard in June, married Brad Maxwell '99 on July 28, and moved to Ithaca, NY, in August to start a new job as director of the Park Scholar Program at Ithaca College. "Life is great, marriage wonderful, and I can't wait to come back to Midd in June."

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Happy 2002 to everyone. We want to remind everyone to please keep sending us information about you, your friends, enemies, lovers, ex-lovers, etc. The more info you send us, the better. ✷ **Mike Stineman**, Midd Notes NYC correspondent and coordinator of "StineComing 2000," sent a wealth of information. ✷ **Jake Steele** is in law school at the Univ. of MT. ✷ Liza Hinman '99 recently hosted a big reunion in Bar Harbor, ME. **Mike Stout** flew in from Little Rock, AR, where he's writing highly classified software for Digitech. **Ethan Nickel** flew in from Eugene, OR, where he guides fishing trips for those few rich folks that can afford his expert tutelage. **Sandeep Oberio** led the DC-based team, including Kate McGovern '99 and **Grace Culley**. **Andrew Brodie** came from upstate New York, where he works in GE's research and development group. **Josh Felcher Krembs** appeared from Burlington, where he'll be studying medicine. **Kate Odell** made the trip from Middlebury, where she's teaching America's youth and living out on Lake Dunmore. Folks coming up from NYC included **Mike Stineman**, who is designing software; **Katie Hsu**, who's teaching in Arizona; and Rite Moisio '99. **Ashley Palmer** made it back from the Far East and **Cori Messinger** made it from Portland. Noticeably missing: **Ben Kahn** (who was in Europe filming a film), **Matt Fischer**, **Annie Bruder**, and **Clayton Hoberman** (who was stuck taking med school exams in Arizona). ✷ **Dan Ackerman** is attending law school at Denver Univ. ✷ **Adam Boffey** is still living in Vermont and still working on that novel that will change American literature forever. ✷ Attending the Univ. of CT med school, **Eric Lowe** will soon be able to operate on people legally. ✷ **Emily Olson** and **Katie Padden** continue to live in NYC, but have sold their Specialty Pet Clothing store. Katie is teaching second grade science, and Emily is finishing her master's. Often seen with them is **Jenn Heim**. **Josie Kytle** and **Jenny Klintberg** are still rippin' it up in NYC. **Erin Grace**, **Erin Dempsey**, and **Keri Linas** were all last seen in New York, specific whereabouts unknown. ✷ **Freddy Johansson** has been splitting time in San Fran and Denver, looking into new and interesting lines of work. He finished his first Iron Man Triathlon with **Eric Lowe** (his second) in southern California. ✷ Living in Manhattan, **Don Devendorf** completed a master's program in "ridiculously hard" mathematics at Columbia. ✷ After biking across the country last summer, **Juliana Popper** (juliana_popper@amcinfo.org) returned to Boston, where she's working at the Appalachian Mountain Club. ✷ Got an update from **Nat Coughlin** (tiogringo@earthlink.net) and Elena Russo '99 were moving in December to their first house, in Baltimore, MD. "Elena has been promoted at Planned Parenthood of Maryland and is now the director of their Annapolis Health Clinic. In May, I left my job as an agent in the insurance industry, and I am now a high school Spanish teacher at the St. Paul's School in Brooklandville, MD. Excellent move!" ✷ **Kevin** and **Katherine Inglis Joyce** were married in Mead Chapel on May 19, 2001. Middlebury prof. Larry Yarbrough performed the ceremony, and the reception was held at the Waybury Inn. **Abby Manzella**, **Joyce Wagner**, **Rebekah Fletcher**, **Michole Biancosino**, **Lauren Stewart**, **Amrita Narayanan Bruce**, **Noah Bruce**, **David Cohen**, **Ken Ebbitt**, **Jim McGrath**, **Carlos Hortas**, and Jeff Inglis '95 were all part of the wedding party. Also in attendance were **Betsy Goodchild**, **Tricia Zlotek**, **Brad Martin**, and **Meg Allen**. Kat also joined **Abby Manzella** in Charlottesville, VA, for her birthday. Kat (ingliskat@aol.com) is in her second year in law school; Kevin works for a promotional event management company in Portland. ✷ Newlyweds Hadley and **Michael Bay** are living in Boston, where she is employed by Simmons College and he works for Capital Resource Partners. ✷ **Kristina Parker** and Kevin Justh '97, married last June, are living in DC, where Kevin works in real estate investment banking, and Kris works for the World Wildlife Fund. ✷ Following the marriage of **Leila Menard** and Joseph McVeigh on July 14 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Middlebury, the newlyweds celebrated at the Festival on the Green street dance. They first met at the street dance in 1998. ✷ **Carol McMurrich** and **Gregory**

Reynolds were married August 18 at De Grassi Point, Ontario. With an M.A. from Smith College, Carol teaches kindergarten and first grade at the Common School in Amherst, MA; Greg is a language teacher at Chestnut Community School in Belchertown.

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Ringing in the new year at **Jeanne Restivo**'s party in Boston: **Joe Kraft, Pete Steinberg**, Rob Kerchner '00, **Chris Morosky, Ben Block, Whitney Dorne, Kristen Vogel, Adam Burns, Tom Blabey**, Matt Arnould '01, Bob Bryan '01, Ashley Elicker '00, Kate Sabatini '01, **Chris Lindstrom**, Abbey Haber '01, Jessica Bean '01, and Kelsey Doub '01, and many others. ✷ **Sara Doniger**'s New Year's guests included **Rob Levy, Dan A. Meyer**, and **Liz Cassidy**. ✷ **Geoff Silvius** spent New Years in Florida, while **John Felton** was in El Paso, TX, searching for a bowl game. ✷ **Bradford Maxwell** won a Yahoo fantasy football trophy. Congratulations, Brad. ✷ **Emily Reinertsen** writes: "After quitting my job and spending an amazing summer in a log cabin in Alta, WY, I left the life of fishing, chopping wood, and hiking to come back to DC and take a job with the Speaker of the House. I'm now a floor assistant, which means I get to spend my days either on the House floor or watching the House floor." Emily wants to "thank **Amy Kinner** for joining me in some holiday festivities, even if it meant hanging out with a bunch of Republicans." ✷ **Ben Block**, a first year law student at UVA, recently won the school's "Law Pageant." His show-stopper was his talent of lumberjacking. ✷ **Brian Harrison**, who still lives with his parents in Braintree, MA, has been seen playing video games with Barry Nelson '00 in South Boston. ✷ Spotted on the streets of Somerville, MA, were **Mike Cormier, Mike Hussey**, and **Adam Dreiblatt**. ✷ **Brendan O'Donohoe** was seen in Boston over New Years. He has been stationed throughout Europe as an Army Ranger. ✷ **Bonnie Sarkar** (brsarkar@cessna.textron.com) is living in Wichita, KS, because "Cessna Aircraft Company offered me a job as a technical writer and I took it. I'm also working on my MBA and my pilot's license. I just soloed a couple of weeks ago!" ✷ In Seattle, **Shauna Hill** (hillshauna@hotmail.com) is finishing her master's in social work at UW: "I've been working for a transitional housing program for homeless/street youth, as well as helping to develop a new program at the Downtown Seattle YMCA that will provide wrap-around services to youth aging out of foster care. Newly developing hobbies include calculating the impact of my impending monthly student loan payments on my projected social work salary, wishing for snow, and touring the Northwest with **Eleanor Long** and **Mike Bilodeau**. I would love to hear from long-lost nomads and hermit-types (**Kate Landis, Jason Price**). Also, any Seattle-area alumni interested in volunteering with youth or supporting our programs, please contact me!" ✷ **Todd Fryatt** (toddfryatt@hotmail.com), Jim Chapman '89, and Jed Raymond '00 were recently sighted in the Hawaii lacrosse tournament on Oahu. Todd reports: "I am a loyal Vail participant, but I'm pretty sure we might be on to something here. Also, Jed Raymond stole the show once again. He was voted as the Best Defensemen in the tournament." ✷ Although **Jason Price** will soon be finishing his Peace Corps tour, he plans to travel before returning home. ✷ Last summer, **Kully Hagerman** was named head coach for women's lacrosse at Babson College, where she is also the assistant field hockey coach. ✷ On December 4, **Dwayne Nash** presented an award to Richard Holbrooke at the Council on Foreign Relations at the U.N. in NYC. Holbrooke was being recognized for his work in the Balkins. Dwayne was heading to London in mid-January to complete his law degree at King's College. ✷ **Charles Macintosh** and Mark Westra, **Peter Westra**'s father, will be doing the six-day 575-mile AIDS ride from S.F. to L.A., June 2-8. They "would love for others to join us in Peter's memory." For more information, contact Mac at charles.macintosh@csfb.com.

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Jessica Grillo, Matt Murphy, Lyndsey Erickson, and **Dave Lis** were heading west in February to cheer on team USA in Salt Lake City. They were also visiting **Gwenie Rogers** and **Hilary Amoss**, who recently moved to Utah, where they were "enjoying the snow and excited to experience the Olympics. Go USA!" Gwenie is a snowboarding instructor at Park City Mountain Resort, and Hilary is working as a ski instructor. ✷ **Rachel Davis** is living in Denver, where she's working for an ambulance company (American Medical Response). ✷ In Vail, CO, **Lizzy Lokey** teaches Spanish and science to middle and upper school kids: "I love the school because in addition to getting out on my own, I get to lead climbing trips in Moab, mountain biking trips in Fruita, hut trips in the mountains, and ski with them every Friday. While skiing with my kids, I have seen Dave P., Sandro, Miles C., Scott L., and Brendon C." In summer, she leads trips for Moondance Adventures out of Atlanta: "This summer I will lead one in Costa Rica and then travel there with friends after the trip." ✷ After four months of guiding and traveling in France and western Europe, **Chat Ortved** writes that his "residency requirement bared its fangs, so I shipped back to the U.S. and drove out here to work at a ranch in Telluride. During September I traveled around Mongolia with my friend Jordan. Now I'm back in Telluride working in a bookstore and living a pseudo-monastic life of books, writing, study, and skiing. I make it out to the mountain almost every morning for a couple of hours and at night either read more or study for the LSAT, which I'm taking in February." ✷ **Devin Arrington** writes: "I am teaching violin lessons to students in Rochester, VT, as well as several others locally using the Suzuki violin method. I successfully auditioned for and perform with the Hanover Chamber Music Ensemble. Additionally, each week I perform at Helen Porter Nursing Home and Project Independence." ✷ Newlyweds **Will** and **Abby Dorschel Trafton** have moved to her hometown of Rochester, NY, where they have bought a house and are pursuing careers in her family business. A photo from their September 1 wedding appears elsewhere. ✷ While studying for her master's in Paris, **Lauren Wilkis** was recently visited by Univ. of Rochester med student **Ben Bedford**. Before heading off to ski in Chamonix, the two met up with **Helen Gemmill** and her boyfriend for lunch in the neighborhood where Lauren and Helen had spent their junior semester abroad. ✷ **Toby Dougherty** is at Oxford, desperately searching for a thesis topic as part of his course on Russian and East European relations. Send recommendations to tobias.dougherty@sant.ox.ac.uk. ✷ **Jeff Graham, Craig Peacock, Christina Winters, David Chitayat, Daniel Curtis, Xhingyu Chen**, and **Sally Congdon-Martin** have allied forces and brought a serious crew to the streets of Shanghai. So far, the Eastern front has been anything but quiet. **James Anderson** and **Thomas Bishop** plan to join them after a summer of fly-fishing in Livingston, MT. ✷ After traveling throughout Asia for five months, **Anne McDonough** gave up her wandering ways to come home for the holidays. She hoped to return to China this spring to see the few bits of southeast Asia that have eluded her thus far, like Cambodia, Burma, and Laos. ✷ **Adam Popkin** is teaching history at a public high school in Tacoma, WA. Adam's goals are to spend more time in the Cascades, Olympics, around Puget Sound, and in British Columbia. **Jme McLean** and **Tim Dewey-Mattia** visited over New Years, which they spent up in Seattle with **Katie Lichtenstein** and a clan of 2001 folk. (Yes, there are younger alumni out there.) Katie has a new job at Sound Transit, Puget Sound's regional public transportation agency. She's working in the legal and environmental compliance department. "Prior to that, I worked with **Hadley Greene**, who is here in Seattle with **Alex Rodero**, at Bitters Co., a store/wine bar owned by Katie Carson '86." (Katie is the daughter of the proprietors of the Whitford House in Addison.) "A few weeks ago, **Adam Popkin** and I met up with **Kate Shick** and Apple Snider in the Olympic rainforest near Kalaloch, WA." ✷ **Tim Dewey-Mattia** is now the recycling operation supervisor for the San Francisco Conservation Corps. He's also busy doing GIS work, mapping San Francisco neighborhoods and potential new parks. Tim and **Jme McLean** had a **Tim Hannan** siting on the streets of NYC. ✷ **Erica Hill** is still in Charlottesville, VA, but is moving up to DC in July (housing and job recommendations welcome). ✷ **Brian Quiros** is moving from Hartford, CT, to Jackson Hole, WY, "to be a ski bum for a year or two and postpone life for awhile." ✷ Still working at the Aberdeen Group in Boston, **Isaac Ro** writes: "**Jess Howe, Jim Thompson, Dave Ault, Derek Prabharasuth, Jeff Kendig, Steph Crumb**, and I are regulars at ImprovBoston, where **Paul Dome** performs in a weekly improv show. Spent New Year's at a debaucherous party, hosted by Pete Jacoby '01 and Jeanne Restivo '99. **Paul Dome, Jaime McGlothlin, Amy Porter, Meghan McGuinness**, and **Gina Duff** represented our class well." ✷ **Irakly Areshidze** wrote that he was still in Georgia for a couple more days, and then will be back in the U.S. He said it was fun to be at home for the New Year for the first time in 10 years!

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Approaching one year out of Middlebury, our classmates continue to find great new jobs and pursue amazing adventures. ✷ **Tom Marks** has

been appointed client services associate for the Goodwick/Liazon Leverage MarCom Group, a marketing communications firm in Newtown. ✷ **John Nesbitt** was part of the fall crew at Greenleaf Hut on the Appalachian Trail. As a six-season veteran of the Appalachian Mountain Club huts, Nez is adept at hauling heavy packs of fresh groceries up the mountain where he helps prepare gourmet meals for lucky hikers. ✷ **Adeeb Mahmud** is enjoying himself in Boston, where he became a strategy consultant with Braun Consulting in July. He reports running into **David Daniel** and **Wai Yee Chiong** in Boston's Chinatown. He's also been in touch with **Michelle Labbe** and **Kari Nygaard**, both of whom are in Boston. ✷ **Ruth Howell** moved to San Francisco, where she works with the National Marine Sanctuaries, helping to review the management of three marine sanctuaries off the central California coast. Ruth loves her apartment with a view of the Golden Gate Bridge, and welcomes Midd alumni visiting the area. ✷ **Betsey Perkins** is working at the NYU student life office in Florence, Italy. ✷ In Dover, NH, **Jennie Mandeville** is working on a master's in zoology at UNH. ✷ Returning from several months in Paris, **Tom Keon** reported that he was going skiing in Utah before settling back into life in the U.S. ✷ Living in Portland, OR, **Susan Parsons** is happily exploring the Northwest. ✷ **Pete Day** finished up student teaching in January and took off for Paris to play guitar in the metro for small change. He reports that he will be happily putting the liberal arts degree to "good use." ✷ **Ashley Elicker** spent the fall in Paris, where she taught English, and is spending the spring in California. ✷ In Boston, **Kate Griffiths** is working at Brigham and Women's hospital as a research assistant in psychiatry. ✷ **Kristen Sylva** moved into an apartment in Somerville, where she is around the corner from **Pete Jacoby**. ✷ **Matt Arnould** has been working in business development with Sweden-based EF Education. Matt lives in Charles River Park, Boston, where **Chris Cheang** also lives. ✷ The holiday season proved to be a great time for our class to reunite. **Lindsay Frost**, **Mark Harrington**, **Kate Klapfish**, and **Russ Miller** had a Christmas party at their place in Somerville, MA, where **Leslie Fox**, Kate Griffiths, Kristen Sylva, **Frank Labovitz**, and **Jennie Mandeville** were seen. Many of the same people were also seen at a Christmas party thrown by **Kelsey Doub**, **Mike Kerkorian**, and **Liz Doyle**, where they were also joined by **Lissie Fishman**, **Amy Lowell**, **Julie Russell**, **Chris Everett**, **Abbey Haber**, **Elissa Burnell**, and **Jess Bean**. ✷ The official Boston Alumni Association holiday party, attended by President and Mrs. McCardell, was also well attended. Seen there were Matt Arnould, **James Tsai**, **Bob Bryan**, Pete Jacoby, **Keegan Uhl**, and **Pete Weeks**. ✷ Finally, gathering together for New Year in Vermont were **Andrew Snow**, **Kathrin Platt**, **Jess Stahl**, **Kate Wright**, **Mike Hartt**, **Kelly Knapp**, **Dave Selkowitz**, **Carmen Tedesco**, **Jean Burr**, and **John Colianni**. Andrew is the marketing guru for Mad River Glen, where Kathrin is working after several months of traveling the world. Kate is doing research at Middlebury, having returned from several months on a research project in Missouri. Dave is working and living in Montana.

ENGLISH

Pudding House Publications has published **Knute Skinner**'s (M.A. '54) latest collection of poetry, *Greatest Hits: 1964-2000*, as part of their invitational Greatest Hits series. Knute lives in Ireland, having retired from his position at Western Washington Univ. ✷ **Herbert Martin** (M.Litt. '72) has completed a decade-long project of editing *In His Own Voice: The Uncollected Works of Paul Laurence Dunbar*. Herbert was distinguished visiting prof. of English at Shawnee State Univ., where he taught creative writing classes and African American literature. ✷ *The Radiant*, the third book of poems by **Cynthia Huntington** (M.A. '83), has won the Levis Award from Four-Way Books. Cynthia will be the Third Annual Dana Brigham Lecturer at the annual meeting of the Thoreau Society in Concord, MA, in May 2002. ✷ **Scott Hutchison** (M.A. '87) has been named New England Poet of the Year by the New England Association of Teachers of English. Scott (sghutch@cyberportal.net) teaches at Gilford (NH) High School. ✷ **Michael Chesley Johnson** (M.A. '82) had an exhibit at the Catamount Arts Gallery in St. Johnsbury, VT, during the month of January. The exhibit, "Under the Sun: Landscapes of the American Southwest," featured pastel paintings of Arizona and New Mexico. ✷ **Elizabeth Marshall Davis** (M.A. '90) is enjoying being a mother in Harpswell, ME, where she and her husband live: "Our daughter Rose Elizabeth was born August 11, exactly 11 years—to the day—after I graduated from Bread Loaf." Now working part time for the Maine Humanities Council, Elizabeth is designing a pilot curriculum to bring reading groups and literature to at-risk youth. She works with adolescents in the corrections system in Portland.

FRENCH

At the annual meeting of the Foreign Language Association of Virginia last fall, **J. Richard Guthrie** (M.A. '66) received the Distinguished Service Award for 2001. In the previous year, he was one of nine in the U.S. awarded the Certificate of Merit by the American Assoc. of Teachers of German. Dick reports that he is retiring this May, after 35 years at Christopher Newport Univ. in Newport News, VA (39 years in the profession overall). "I am planning to take up Dutch and, in that regard, have been asked to teach an advanced English course at the Univ. of Wageningen in Holland this summer." ✷ For several years, **Louis Giancola** (M.A. '75) has been teaching English as a second language to immigrants and refugees, while mentoring TESL graduate students at Sloane Hall, a special collaboration between St Michael's College and Vermont Adult Learning. ✷ **Paul Gery** (M.A. '77) received an M.A. in German from Middlebury College on August 10, 2001. A foreign language teacher in New York, Paul lives in New Windsor, NY, with wife Donna and son Marc. ✷ **Kelly Collins** (M.A. '82) has been appointed VP of government systems for Groove Networks in Vienna, VA. Kelly is a technology industry veteran of nearly 20 years. ✷ **Tracy Coleman** (M.A. '90), who received a Ph.D. in religious studies from Brown Univ. in May 2001, is now an assistant prof. of South Asian religions at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. ✷ **Charlotte Tomlinson** (M.A. '91) is teaching at Dallas (TX) International School, a French school sponsored by Mission Laique.

ITALIAN

Aldo Finco (M.A. '63, D.M.L. '67), prof. of Italian and French at Texas Tech Univ., has been honored with the establishment of the Aldo Finco Endowed Chair in Italian. The $1 million gift was given by Aldo's daughter and her husband, Carla and Brad Moran. The author of three textbooks and 27 articles on contemporary Italian literature, Aldo has been teaching at Texas Tech, in Lubbock, TX, for 33 years and has no plans to retire. ✷ After teaching English as a foreign language for six years, **Julie Maigret Shapiro** (M.A. '93) began a career in tourism/hospitality three years ago. As an event planner for the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, Julie is "working toward my goal of moving to Europe (France or Italy) and would appreciate hearing from anyone who might have advice for me." Her e-mail is juliemaigret@earthlink.net. ✷ After three years in Florence, **Carol Pennisi Prout** (M.A. '99) has moved to North Carolina to pursue a Ph.D. in Italian at the Univ. of NC at Chapel Hill. "I have been appointed the director in residence at the Lorenzode Medici (an exchange program with UNC) and will be teaching Italian for spring semester 2002."

RUSSIAN

In retirement, **Albert-Lauritz Rasmussen** (M.A. '66) is "employed with Euroculture, Ltd., organising English classes for Europeans, escorting them to local sights, and finding them families." A member of the "Russkij Krujhok" of Southampton Univ., he is also a cofounder of the English Wine Connoisseurs' Club.

SPANISH

Flora Breidenbach (M.A. '61) was one of five faculty members at College of Du Page in Glen Ellyn, IL, honored with the outstanding faculty award for 2000-2001. She was also one of five teachers in Illinois to receive the lieutenant governor's award for excellence in teaching languages. Her daughter, Carla Breidenbach (M.A. '98) taught for three years at Illinois College and is now studying linguistics at the Univ. of SC. ✷ **Gerald Lunderville** (M.A. '69) and his wife spent a month in Cambodia last summer: "It was the first time my wife had seen her sister since the 'Khmer Rouge' Communist takeover in 1975. While it was exciting to view the ancient temples of Angkor in Siem Reap Province, as well as meeting some nieces and nephews for the first time, it was disheartening to learn about the rampant corruption in this troubled land." ✷ Scott and **Bonnie Greenland Sasse** (M.A. '86) report that they have a daughter, Laura Jean Sasse, who was born October 23, 1998. They were united as a family on April 16, 2001. ✷ **Kim Killingsworth** (M.A. '91) left Laspau and Harvard last spring for Ithaca, NY, where she is now the assoc. director of international admissions at the Johnson Graduate School of Management, Cornell Univ. Accustomed to traveling throughout Latin America, she will now be traveling the globe.

OBITUARIES

22 **Fanny Barnes**, 101, of Plattsburgh, NY, on October 24, 2001. With an M.A. from the Univ. of Pennsylvania (1926), she taught high school biology, physics, and chemistry at Angola, NY, and Haddon Heights, NJ, retiring in 1960. From 1960 to 1970, she ran a small restaurant, called Donnymede. She was predeceased by siblings Charles, James, Ada '16, and George '21. Survivors include two nephews and a niece.

23 **Radcliffe W. Lyon**, 101, of Austin, TX, on July 29, 2001. He worked 21 years for the Vermont Marble Company in Rutland, VT; Peterborough, ON; and Dallas, TX. He also worked 20 years for Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, TX. He was predeceased by wife Cynthia (Billings) and three brothers, including Charles Lyon '18. Survivors include daughter Helen Pringle, son Robert Lyon, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a sister.

24 **Payson R. Webber**, 98, of Rutland, VT, on November 8, 2001. After two years at Middlebury, he graduated from Harvard and went on to a career in architecture. Predeceased by first wife Mary Williams Webber '23 and by brother Christopher A. Webber '29, he leaves wife Dorothy, son Robert A. Webber, and two granddaughters.

25 **Evelyn Plumley Adams**, 97, of Peterborough, NH, on November 11, 2001. The second woman to serve as a Middlebury alumna trustee, she was a founder of the Boston Alumnae Assoc. and received an Alumni Plaque for her service to the College. She and her late husband, Ernest M. Adams '25, established the Paul D. Moody Fund in memory of the former Middlebury College president. The wildflower garden she maintained for more than 40 years received several garden club awards. When she moved from Wellesley in 1997, she donated her garden to the New England Wildflower Society's Garden in the Woods in Framingham, MA. She leaves her daughter, Emily F. Adams '60.

28 **Margaret Moody Rice**, 93, of Bedford, MA, on December 9, 2001. She was the granddaughter of renowned 19th-century evangelist Dwight L. Moody and the daughter of Middlebury president (1922-1942) Paul Dwight Moody. She was predeceased by Charles Rice, her husband of 63 years, in 1995; a sister, Charlotte Moody Emerson '26, died in 1950. Survivors include daughter Margaret Rice Stout, son David Rice, four grandchildren (including Susan Rice '79 and Timothy Stout '82), and five great-grandchildren.

29 **Helen Walter Bosworth**, 94, of Needham Heights, MA, on October 28, 2001. With a certificate from the Sorbonne in Paris (1930), she taught high school French in Chelmsford and Melrose, MA, until 1934. During the '50s and '60s, she was a real estate broker for A. Clinton Brooks Co. in Needham. She and Raymond F. Bosworth '29 were married in Mead Chapel in 1934. Predeceased by her husband in 1987, she leaves daughter Sarah Tiberi, three grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

32 **Charlotte Adams Merriam**, 90, of Concord, NH, on January 8, 2002. She was a teacher in Grand Isle, VT, before attending UVM College of Medicine. She worked with the State of New Hampshire Dept. of Public Health Clinical Laboratory from 1958 until her retirement in 1976. A volunteer for the American Red Cross, she was active in the Older Adult Outing Club of the YMCA, was a capable horsewoman, and a student pilot. Survivors include son Robert Merriam, daughter Barbara Renaud, and three grandchildren.

33 **Marguerite Hunold Ross**, 89, of South Setauket, NY, on October 23, 2001. She was inducted into the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) in 1942 and was sent to MIT to study meteorology. She served in Seattle, became the first WAVE to serve in Alaska, and retired from the Navy with the rank of lieutenant commander. She entered the investment field in 1957. For 17 years she served as corporate secretary to philanthropist Theodore Manforth. Predeceased by her first husband, Russell M. Stein, she is survived by husband John S. Ross.

35 **Ruth Stetson Kavanaugh**, 88, of Wilmington, DE, on November 17, 2001. After teaching for six years in Vermont and Cooperstown, NY, she worked in the accounting department of E.I. duPont deNemours in Wilmington, DE, until her marriage to Andrew J. Kavanaugh in 1948. She returned to teaching in Wilmington from 1958 until her 1978 retirement. Predeceased by her husband in 1986, she leaves daughter Kathleen Kavanaugh and a sister.

36 **Donald W. Easler**, 87, of Sun City Center, FL, on November 17, 2001. A 40-year resident of Manchester, NH, he owned and operated Easler's mens and boys clothing store, and was president and treasurer of Relsae Reality Company. In 1980 he retired to Sun City Center with wife Carol Wheeler Easler '36, who died on February 1, 2001. He was active in the security patrol, the Shrine Club, and the men's golf assoc. He leaves sons Carl, Richard, and Wayne Easler; a sister; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Jean Edgerton Orr, 85, of Bangor, ME, on August 13, 2001. After attending Middlebury for two years, she graduated from the Univ. of MI in 1937. While living with her husband in Afghanistan, Thailand, Ethiopia, and Nepal, she was principal of the Kabul (Afghanistan) International High School and taught English at the International High School in Bangkok. For 14 years, she served as librarian for the Stetson (ME) Public Library. She also served as president of the Maine League of Women Voters. Survivors include husband Julian H. Orr, daughters Mary Orr and Nancy Orr, son Julian Orr, two granddaughters, and a great-grandson. Her late grandfather, Francis M. Edgerton, graduated from Middlebury in 1864.

37 **Gertrude E. Dole**, 86, of Bronx, NY, on December 8, 2001. She was a research associate in anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History from 1976 to 1998. Her earlier teaching positions were at the State Univ. of New York at Purchase (1972-1974), Vassar College (1965-1971), and Columbia Univ. (1961-1965). With a Ph.D. from the Univ. of MI (1957) and an M.A. from the Univ. of NC (1949), her research and field work involved South American tropical forest Indians in Brazil and Peru. She published extensively, with emphasis on evolution of kinship relations and social customs. For her major contribution to the Oral History Project of the Society of Woman Geographers, she received their outstanding achievement award in 1999. Survivors include sisters Edna Backup and Dorothy Johnson, and several nieces and nephews, including Peggy Backup '71. She was predeceased by sister Elizabeth Joslin.

Clifford W. Laws, 92, of Silver Lake, NH, on October 27, 2001. He served as an Army chaplain in the Pacific from 1943 to 1945. With a degree from Bangor Theological Seminary, he served parishes in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, retiring as director of Rockcraft Lodge in Sebago Lake, ME, in 1977. He was predeceased by wife Elizabeth (Atwood) in May 2000 and by son David in August 2001. Survivors include daughters Janet Found and Martha Laws Anderson '70, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

38 **Ruth Sheldon Pratt**, 84, of Venice, FL, on October 1, 2001. She did graduate work at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, worked for the Washington County (NY) Welfare Department, and taught elementary education in Geneva, NY, retiring to Florida in 1983. Preceded in death by husband John E. Pratt in 1991, she leaves sons John Jr. and David Pratt, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

39 **Robert V. Cushman**, 84, of Middlebury, VT, on October 29, 2001. He served with the Navy for a 14-month tour of duty during World War II. As a hydrogeologist, he worked for the U.S. Geological Survey in New York, Connecticut, and Kentucky. Retiring to Middlebury in 1975, he was an active volunteer for the Henry Sheldon Museum, school board, and Rotary Club. He was the historian of the Middlebury Congregational Church, and sang in the choir. Survivors include wife Correan (Walker), daughters Nancy Cushman '66 and Susan Cutchins, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and nephew Leon Cushman '74. He was predeceased by daughter Charlotte Friedberg in 1989. His late father, Harry L. Cushman, graduated from Middlebury in 1907.

Marianne Monroe Glazier, 83, of Salt Lake City, UT, on September 10, 2001. She lived in Sharon, MA, for almost 60 years before moving to Salt Lake City in 1998. Her first husband, Harris S. Wells '36, died in 1958; second husband Melvin H. Glazier '33 died in 1995. Son Thomas Wells died in January 2001. She leaves son Theodore; daughters Marilyn Glazier Churchill, Carolyn C. Wells '65, Linda Glazier Taylor, and Merritt Wells Stites; 11 grandchildren (including Victoria Wells '95); one great-grandchild; and a brother. Other Middlebury survivors include brother-in-law Lyle E. Glazier '33, cousin Mildred Potter Tesar '41, brother-in-law Lawrence A. Glazier '42, and Susan Glazier Swartz '66. Deceased Middlebury relatives include aunt Louise Monroe Potter '12, uncle Willys M. Monroe '12, aunt E. Marjorie Bates Monroe '12, and cousin Marjorie Monroe Hobbs '43.

W. Phillips Palmer, 85, of Middletown, OH, on January 6, 2000. He served in the Navy during World War II, received an M.P.H. degree in medical care organization (Univ. of MI), and served for 27 years as an administrator for the medical service program of the United Mineworkers of America Welfare and Retirement Fund in Pennsylvania. He retired in 1981 after organizing and heading a division of primary care for the Pennsylvania Department of Health. He is survived by daughter Patti Guilfoyle, son Wendell P. Palmer II, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Norma E. Parsons, 84, of Gloversville, NY, on October 19, 2001. She worked for the New York State Employment Office and the Nathan Littauer Hospital before owning and operating her own business, Rita Products, with a partner. She was active with the Gloversville YWCA for 50 years and was a 49-year member of the Johnstown Business and Professional Women's Club. Survivors include a sister, Jean Parsons Ross.

40 **Pearl Stevens Farman**, 82, of North Walpole, NH, on November 14, 2001. For 30 years, she taught high school French, Latin, English, Spanish, and biology. A volunteer for the Swanzey Historical Museum, she served as church organist at the West Swanzey Community Church and was active in the Grange in Charlestown. Her husband of 50 years, Miller T. Farman, died in 1993. Survivors include daughters Nancy Zimmerman, Joyce Vogelsong, Cynthia Sanchez, and Susan Ayotte; son Steven Farman; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Jesse H. Gordon, 84, of Magalia, CA, on December 13, 2001. A resident of Walnut Creek for 50 years, he retired as a manager for Pacific Bell, where he was employed for 32 years. He attended Tufts Univ. Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Naval Supply Corps (1942-1946). Predeceased by wife Florence (Albright) in 1996, he leaves son Geoffrey Gordon, daughter Judith Anne Stewart, and four grandchildren.

Asa Shiverick Jr., 84, of Chagrin Falls, OH, on November 19, 2001. After serving as a pilot in World War II, he became president of the Wagenman Paint Co. He retired in 1988 as president of the Charles E. Schuler Engineering Co., based in Newark, OH. A noted philanthropist, he received a number of awards for his community service. He leaves wife Patricia (Coombe); sons Asa III, David, Paul, and Reg; daughter Hope Lomas; 12 grandchildren; and a sister. Other Middlebury relatives include great-nieces Emily '89, Sarah '99, and Ann Hall '05.

41 **Gordon F. Hawes**, 83, of Lexington, MA, on November 21, 2001. A three-sport varsity athlete at Middlebury, he was recruited for the Boston Braves baseball team. He was a member of three branches of the armed forces, the Army, Navy, and Marines. During World War II, he hosted a radio show in Birmingham, AL, and played infield for the Birmingham All-Stars, a wartime baseball team. After the war, he began a lifelong career in advertising. He was predeceased by two wives, Anne (Blake) and Neida (Johnson). Survivors include daughters Andrea Hawes, Teresa Kasprzak, Elizabeth Andonian, Cynthia Olson, and Gail Burns; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Audrey Hope Wouters, 82, of Arlington, VA, on December 21, 2001. With a Middlebury M.A. in French (1967) and a Fulbright scholarship to France, she taught French in Washington, DC, and in Burlington, VT. Later she was a librarian in the children's section of the Cambridge, MD, library. Retiring to Vermont, she was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 1981 and moved to Arlington. She was predeceased by husband W. Granville Meader '40 and by husband A. William Sweet '41. Survivors include daughters Susan, Robin, and Alison Meader, and son Jonathan Meader.

42 **Robert B. Rivel**, 80, of Pittsfield, MA, on November 30, 2001. He served as an officer in the Navy (1942-1946) and earned a master's in economics from Columbia Univ. (1947). His expertise with the financial aspects of business led to a distinguished career at Chase Manhattan Bank, Lazard Freres & Co, Union Dime Savings Bank, and the Private Export Funding Corp. He was also an adviser to the NYC and New York State comptrollers on debt management, and served as chairman of the Mayor's Contingency Planning Committee. For his faithful service to the College, he received an alumni plaque in 1969. He leaves wife Helen (Stewart) (honorary '42), son Robert W. Rivel '72, daughter Joan Rivel Pettrone '74, and six grandchildren.

Helen Miller Schenck, 81, of Westminster, CA, on December 24, 2001. She lived for several years in Carlsbad, NM, before moving to California, where she retired as an administrative assistant at a company in Agoura Hills. Survivors include daughter Margaret Ann Jones, son Roswell M. Schenck, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. A cousin, Jane Miller Brouwers '49, also survives.

43 **Carl L. Eiermann**, 79, of New Boston, NH, on December 22, 2001. He served in the Air Force during World War II and was a captain in the Air Force Reserves. A 1951 graduate of New York Univ. School of Business, he attended Middlebury for two years. He retired in 1990 as a senior systems analyst and programmer at Sanders Associates in Nashua. He leaves wife Barbara (Reid); daughters Diana Rinaldi, Margo Eiermann, and Martha Rubin; sons Robert, David, and Richard Eiermann; three grandchildren; and a sister.

44 **Marilyn Boyce Squier**, 79, of St. Johnsbury, VT, on October 8, 2001. Predeceased by husband William Squire in 2000 and by son Earl Squier in 1979, she leaves daughter Carolyn Gonyaw and two grandchildren. A cousin, Evelyn Wheeler Stagg, graduated from Middlebury in 1939.

46 **Sherrill Archibald Spires**, 78, of Rochester, NY, on December 30, 2001. A graduate of SUNY Geneseo School of Library Science, her first job was as film librarian at RKO Pathe in New York. She worked about 40 years in the library field, mostly in the Monroe County Library System. Survivors include husband Edward J. Spires, daughter Sherrie Spires, a sister, and a brother.

Elizabeth Carr Scott, 76, of Denver, CO, on December 11, 2000. She was a teacher in the Detroit, MI, public school system for 22 years. Retiring to Grosse Pointe, she volunteered at the library, was active in the AAUW, and worked on a local beautification commission. She was predeceased by husband Charles A. Scott '44 in 1992. Survivors include daughter Shelley Bershof, two grandsons, and brothers Boyd H. Carr '39 and Edward Carr.

48 **Barbara Shaw Wick**, 75, of Burlington, VT, on October 30, 2001. She owned and operated the Ski Shop in Burlington from 1955 until 1985. She also owned and operated the Ski Shop in Essex Junction, Addison House on Main Street in Burlington, and the Wicket in Middlebury. Survivors include husband Hilton Wick; sons Jim and Bill; daughters Jane, Ann, and Julia '82; 15 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and brother Gale Howard Shaw Jr. '53. Other Middlebury relatives include niece Danielle Shaw Virtue '82, cousin John S. Gale '43, and late cousin Robert G. Gale '41.

50 **Margaret McNair Muessel**, 72, of Danvers, MA, on January 6, 2002. She was a manufacturer's representative for Amigo Mobility Company and the owner-operator of Muessel Mobility Associates in Danvers for more than 15 years. A founding member of the Danvers Disabilities Commission and a member of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, she was also an active member of ATOMS (Assoc. to Overcome Multiple Sclerosis). Besides husband Daniel Muessel '49, she leaves sons David and Robert Muessel, a sister, a brother, and three grandchildren.

Donald S. Zaumseil, 75, of Fort Pierce, FL, on January 15, 2002. He served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He had lived in Fort Pierce since retiring as VP of Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Hampshire in 1988. Survivors include wife Dorothy (Mravunac), son David Zaumseil, daughter Kristen Zaumseil, and two granddaughters.

52 **Diana Martin Spohn**, of Fredericksburg, VA, on June 21, 2001, from complications of a stroke the previous December. After one year at Middlebury, she transferred to Wellesley College. Her career was in advertising and real estate. She leaves husband Martin, daughters Melissa and Christina, and four granddaughters.

54 **Wendell J. Shepard**, 78, of South Burlington, VT, on December 22, 2001. Serving in the Air Force during World War II, he was awarded an Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. While attending aircraft mechanic school in California, he fell ill and was hospitalized for three years with tuberculosis as a result of time spent as a prisoner of war in Germany. He earned a degree from Middlebury and was employed by the Vermont Department of Social Welfare until his retirement in 1991. Predeceased by wife Charlotte (Beatty) in 1995, he leaves son Charles.

54 **N. Richard Wilson**, 68, of Chateaugay, NY, on November 16, 2001. With a Middlebury M.A. in French (1959), he taught French and other subjects at Chateaugay Central School until 1967. He served as organist of the Centenary United Methodist Church in Malone from 1954 until his death, and he gave organ recitals in communities throughout northern New York. A piano and organ tuner, he served many churches and schools in northern New York, including the Crane School of Music at Potsdam. Predeceased by two sisters and a brother, he is survived by several cousins.

57 **Barbara A. Wicks**, 66, of Portland, ME, on November 6, 2001. She was a social worker at a settlement house in New York City. A volunteer at hospitals in Englewood, NJ, she was involved with Amistad in Portland and was active in the Neighborhood Association. Survivors include a brother.

58 **John R. Castelli**, 68, of Schenectady, NY, on December 1, 2001. During the Korean Conflict, he served in Germany with the First Medical Battalion of the U.S. Army. After teaching for the Schenectady city schools and coaching JV basketball, he taught American history at Shaker High School for more than 20 years. An avid tennis player, he competed in three national tournaments with World Team Tennis. Survivors include wife Patricia Tibone Castelli '58, daughter Michelle Castelli Clancy '82, son John J. Castelli, a brother, a sister, and four grandchildren.

60 **James G. Carver**, 64, of Essex Junction, VT, on January 25, 2002. He served 16 years as an Army field artillery officer, with tours of duty in Vietnam, Korea, Germany, and seven assignments in the U.S. He retired from the Army Reserves in 1988 as a lieutenant colonel, having commanded a battalion in both the active Army and the Army Reserve. Beginning a postal career in 1978, he retired in 1996 as postmaster in Burlington, VT. He volunteered for the Red Cross, United Way, and Vermont Public Radio, and was a board member for several organizations. He is survived by wife Gudrun (Söll), daughters Sandra Carver-Ergin and Stephanie Snelling, son James Carver, four grandsons, his mother, a sister, and two brothers.

61 **Charlotte DuBois Elfe**, 61, of Columbia, SC, on August 14, 2001. She taught in Germany and studied at the Philipps Universitat, where she met her future husband. With an M.A. in German from the Univ. of MA (1965), she was a senior instructor of German at the Univ. of SC until her disability retirement in March 2000. Survivors include husband Wolfgang Elfe, son Charles Elfe, daughter Catherine Elfe Vanden Houten, two grandchildren, and two sisters. Her late father, Charles N. DuBois, graduated from Middlebury in 1934.

69 **M. Helene Lawrence**, 54, of Portland, OR, on October 23, 2001. In addition to daughters Mariah Danielson and Petra Anderson, she is survived by her mother, a brother, and a grandson.

72 **Linda Reeves Pettit**, 51, of Canton, NY, on October 23, 2001, of cancer. She served as VP for university advancement at St. Lawrence Univ. from August 1996 until August 2001, when she entered disability status. Her previous positions had been at Trinity College in Hartford, CT, and the Sage Colleges in Troy. Her successful leadership of Campaign St. Lawrence resulted in the goal being reached one year early; she had received approval of the board of trustees to extend the goal and increase the amount to be raised. Survivors include daughter Sarah Pettit, son Robert Pettit, partner Claude Banker, her parents, four sisters, and a brother.

Eric C. Spengler, 51, of Burlington, VT, on December 11, 2001. A carpenter, he was most recently employed by Hubbard Construction Company of Williston. He is survived by Anne, his partner of 22 years, as well as his parents and a brother.

79 **William K. Watlington**, 44, of Boston, MA, on July 19, 2001. He served as a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps. His career was with the AIM family of mutual funds. Survivors include son Rodney Smyth and daughter Chloe Watlington; their mother, Maureen Smyth; his parents; a brother; and a sister.

81 **Thomas C. Gosnell**, 42, of Weston, MA, on December 31, 2001, of cancer. With a Juris Doctor degree from Albany Law School, he practiced law at Rogers & Wells in NYC and became chairman of Big Woods Limited Partners, a private investment group. An active member of Trinity Church in Boston, he was trustee of several charitable organizations, including the Adirondack Nature Conservancy and Land Trust and the Nantucket Historical Assoc. He was an avid skier, sailor, and windsurfer. He leaves wife Silvia, son Philip, parents Thomas and Georgia Gosnell, a brother, and two sisters.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

39 **Angeline R. Hoen**, 92, M.A. French (also M.A. Spanish '55), of Baltimore, MD, on November 30, 2001. A high school teacher for 35 years, she then served as head of the foreign language department, International School of Bangkok, until 1971.

40 **Shirley Durr Hammersten**, 87, M.A. French, of West Chatham, MA, on October 31, 2001.

52 **Mary P. Jones**, M.A. French, of Scranton, PA, on October 18, 2001. A professor emeritus at Bryn Mawr, a scholarship and prize fund had been established in her name.

55 **Gratia Kiracofe Ridge**, M.A. Spanish, of Richmond, VA, on October 22, 2001. She taught Spanish at Pembroke State College, Mary Baldwin College, and the VA School for the Deaf and Blind.

57 **Sandra Ellis Guenther**, 67, French, of Golden, CO, on December 31, 2001. She taught at Red Rocks Community College.

62 **Catherine A. Murphy**, 70, M.A. English, of Bradford, MA, on October 29, 2001. She was a prof. of English at Merrimack College for 25 years.

64 **Margarethe Links Cartwright**, 94, M.A. German, of Northampton, MA, on December 26, 2001. She taught German for 16 years at Northfield Mount Herman Academy and played the violin in orchestras and string quartets. She leaves daughters Maria Links and Christina Clark, son Christopher Cartwright '73, and three grandchildren.

66 **John J. Morrison**, 68, M.A. Spanish, of Barrytown, NY, on December 12, 2001. He was a high school foreign language teacher.

67 **Robert D. Nye**, 59, M.A. French, of Westfield, MA, on December 5, 2001. A licensed mental health counselor, he was director of addiction rehabilitation services at Wing Memorial Hospital. A former French teacher at Wilbraham Academy, he was also an accomplished pianist and composer.

Vaughn Ramsey Ward, 62, of Rexford, NY, on December 7, 2001. A high school English teacher until 1982, she served as staff folklorist at the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council until 1989. Her husband, George E. Ward, attended the School of English in 1963.

68 **Sophia Razumny Chevone**, 91, M.A. Russian, of Wellesley, MA, on December 4, 2001. After teaching grade four in Wellesley public schools for 20 years, she continued to study Russian at Wellesley College until she was in her eighties.

76 **Raymond Kelly**, 54, M.A. English, of Washington, ME, on January 31, 2002, of amyotophic lateral sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's disease. He was the former headmaster of the Grier School in Tyrone, PA.

78 **John L. Curley**, 74, Spanish, of Bradley Beach, NJ, on October 20, 2001. He taught foreign languages in Long Branch and Wall high schools. He also worked for the CIA in Central America and served in the Navy during World War II.

81 **Bernard M. Watson**, 56, M.A. Spanish, of North Bay, Ontario, on November 2, 2001. He taught French and Spanish for 31 years at l'Ecole Secondaire Algonquin in North Bay.

82 **Karen T. Klitzman**, 38, Russian, of Dix Hills, NY, on September 11, 2001, in the World Trade Center disaster. A graduate of Princeton and Columbia, she worked for Cantor Fitzgerald.

HONORARY DEGREE

57 **Stuart C. Haskins**, 97, of Phoenix, AZ, on November 13, 2001. He was ordained a Congregational minister in 1929 in Glastonbury, CT. He served in several churches and held interim pastorates in Portland, ME, and Nashua, NH. A Navy chaplain during World War II, he lived in Laconia, NH, for 24 years before moving to Phoenix in 1990.

STAFF

Charlotte Smith Ross, of South Burlington, VT, on January 20, 2002. She began her employment at Middlebury in 1972 as secretary to the librarian. From 1979 until her retirement in 1985, she served as an administrative assistant for the Bread Loaf School of English. In Middlebury she also served on the board of Elderly Services, Inc.

Maggie Morgan-Wright, of Bristol, VT, on January 2, 2002. She joined the College staff in January 1998 as a program assistant in the PALANA (Pan African Latino Asian Native American) Center. Her work led to the creation of programs across campus, and she initiated several efforts to connect members of the Addison County community with College students, faculty, and staff. Her creation of the PALANA Kids program, a mentoring program for Addison County children and Middlebury College students, touched the lives of many students and families. She also owned and operated the Wright One Boutique in Bristol.

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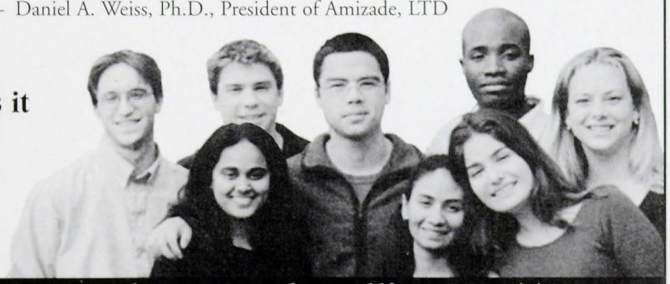

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The Frog Run

THE SPRING PEEPERS' SONG HERALDS THE END OF THE SUGARING SEASON

BY JOHN ELDER

BOILING DOWN THE SAP of sugar maples to produce syrup traditionally occupies Vermont farmers from about the end of February each year. March and April are mud season in the Green Mountains. The melting of four months of snow makes rivers rage, and fields get too mucky for walking, much less for driving a tractor or a team of animals. But this time is also when life rekindles in the maples that dominate our forests. The sap of sugar maples is twice as rich in sugars as that of most deciduous trees. The Abenaki people discovered thousands of years ago that, if concentrated, it yielded a delicious natural sweetener. They produced it by sliding stones that had been heated to a glow into large birch-bark containers of sap, adding new stones to keep it at a boil. Yankee farmers who learned this art from the Abenaki developed their own evaporators—flat pans simmering above a wood-fired arch of bricks. But the goal was identical—to condense watery sap to syrup.

Because the early settlers in Vermont often lived in such isolation, this product meant much more to them than the delicacy we pour on our waffles. Throughout the nineteenth century, it was in fact common to transfer the finished syrup to a smaller, separate evaporator, where it could be reduced to granular maple sugar in a process known as "sugaring off." This allowed farmers to avoid the expense of imported cane sweeteners and, in years when they had extra to sell, provided an important cash supplement. Such a history explains why, even today, when syrup is in most cases the final product, variants of the more elemental word *sugar* define every aspect of the process. Sugaring takes the sap from a maple grove, or sugar bush, and renders it into syrup over an evaporator that steams beneath the opened roof-louvers of a sugarhouse. When March blizzards arrive, some of the syrup is boiled to an extra-thick state and then whipped up into the traditional confection called "sugar on snow."

Sap courses through the trees when the temperature rises above freezing during the day but drops below it at night. Sugarmakers can be ready for this tidal surge if they

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watch the ground. The remaining snow cover in the woods, smoothed out and shining from the late season slump that levels all, will begin to draw back in a circle around each maple's trunk. Longer days and stronger light warm the gray-brown bark and gradually create little wells that reach down until they touch the mud. You wouldn't want to set your taps much before these circles appear, since holes drilled in the trees fill back in and block the flow within a couple of months. On the other hand, it's important to be ready for the first good run of sap. There may only be three or four big runs in a year.

Sugarmakers thus pay keen attention to the fluctuations of temperatures and sap marking the year's passage from winter to spring. In February 2000 our own family began sugaring. Experiencing it for myself has helped me understand how important this annual project must have been, psychologically as well as economically, for the inhabitants of remote hill farms. Summer, fall, and winter in Vermont are glorious. Their essences are distilled, their contrasts dramatic. But spring always seems late and short. Weeks pass when winter has lost its grip but nothing new has taken its place. Watching the temperatures' courtly dance around the freezing line suddenly becomes exciting, however, when maple syrup is the culmination.

Not only does sugaring help us remember that spring is coming, it also gives us a reason for desiring that it not progress any *faster*. Once we have awakened to it, we long to dwell in this protracted in-between. This time for standing in the warm, sticky sugarhouse, witnessing the alchemy that turns air and water into gold. For talking through the night with family beside the shimmering evaporator. Or for drinking a beer with friends who step into the sugarhouse and out of their usual routines. We want this time, once the sap is running and the sugarwood is in and the evaporator is all fired up, to last forever. But no season does—even, or especially, when it's one we've decided, after some reservations, to celebrate.

Sometimes a last run of sap will carry sugaring into late April. This is the sugarmaker's equivalent of spring skiing, compounding the pleasures of two seasons into one. But such fantasy moments are short-lived, as the peepers remind us. One effect of snow melt is the appearance of vernal pools in little swales amid the hills, or in low meadows along the highways where water may for a brief time stand several feet deep. Salamanders and frogs breed in these pools that contain no fish to devour their eggs. As the festival of generations commences, several species of small frogs suddenly fill the nights with their choruses. The burden of their refrain—maybe of most refrains—is "Love! Now! Quick!"

Such singing keeps the ebullience of the season well stoked. But once the peepers have tuned up, the old-timers say that there will be just one more week of good boiling in the sugarhouse. Such vernal music seems to coincide with a swelling of the maple buds, from which, in turn, the sap will take on a funky taste. The final week of a late sugaring season, when musical excitement fills the nights and there is still untainted sap to boil down, is thus referred to, in a phrase at once celebratory and elegiac, as "the frog run."

That phrase captures for me the ludicrous urgency of the peepers' moment—and the human moment, too. It expresses the fact that we must soon relinquish this harvest we have only recently learned to claim. Focusing all the more intensely on the process as it nears its end, we remember the softening snow that signaled its onset and anticipate the cleanup and the battening down of the sugarhouse for another year. The frog run is a fleeting last chance to carry the harvest of one season into the untapped morning of whatever comes next.

The completion of our family's first season of sugaring coincided with my conclusion of a 27th year teaching at Middlebury College. When we moved to Vermont right after graduate school, my wife, Rita, and I never anticipated that we would end up sinking our roots and raising our children so far from our parents and brothers in the San Francisco Bay Area. But as the years passed, we came to realize that, here in the Green Mountains, we had found our true place on earth. We will never leave Vermont.

Staying put does not mean that the world slows down around us, though. If anything, being grounded lends vividness and velocity to the circling seasons and makes us more keenly aware of generational transitions in our family or village. As I move into my final chapter of teaching at Middlebury, and as the youngest of our three children starts college, I hear a singing in the air that announces the frog run. Sap's flowing strongly, but we won't keep boiling for too much longer this season. Open the louvers and fire up the evaporator. Sleeping can wait until next week.

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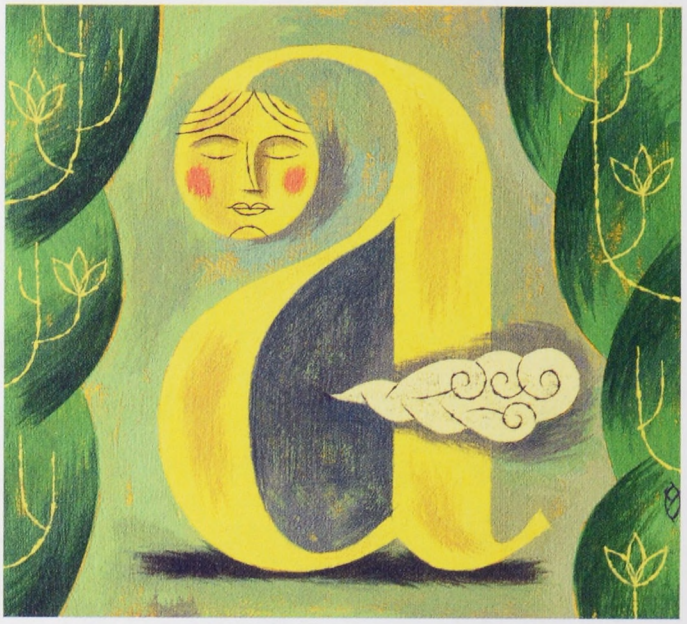
The Simple Present

SEARCHING FOR WHAT IS ALWAYS TRUE



BY JULIA RHODE '90

As a teacher of English as a second language, I am keenly aware of the rules governing the usage of American English. The nuances of verbal inflections fascinate, delight, and exhaust me, particularly as I try to convey them to those students whose own languages sparsely express the notions of past, present, and future. What comes so naturally to us as native speakers—knowledge you most likely take entirely for granted—is a cryptic puzzle to many of my foreign students.

To talk about things that are always true, for example, we use the simple present: *The death of a child is difficult for a parent to bear.* The simple present is used to talk about things that existed or were true in the past, are true now, and will probably be true in the future: *I live in upstate New York.*

The present progressive, on the other hand, is used to talk about actions that are in progress now and will probably continue: *My heart is breaking into a thousand pieces.* It emphasizes the continuous nature of an action started sometime in the past that will probably go on: *My marriage is falling apart, and the best friend I have in my new town is shunning me callously.*

The present perfect links a completed action more tightly to the current moment. *I've just returned from a walk.* Today is my birthday—I am now 33 years old—and like this day a year ago, it is a jewel; the air is crisp yet warmed by bright sunshine, and the first crimson leaves stand in striking contrast to the cobalt blue sky. Unlike last year, I am not two months pregnant. My baby, Nina, came and went in four short days in early May. Fully developed, overdue in fact, her death was as unexpected as seeing a plane fly straight into a tower of the World Trade Center, twice, on a peaceful morning. *She died in my arms at 3:35 P.M. on May 5, 2001, at the Albany Medical Center.* (The preterit is used for actions completed in the past.)

For events in progress, started before now, usually with a specified duration, we use the present perfect progressive: *I've been sitting lost in thought a lot since my baby left me.* Why, I've been asking myself, did her 10 tiny fingernails remind me of those hucksters on the hot Mexican sidewalks, trying to sell me my name engraved on a single grain of rice for 10 pesos? Or, more important, what am I going to put in this cavernous space in my life that had been reserved for her?

Will I ever know what caused my baby's death with any certainty? Are my husband and I going to cooperate and communicate during our separation process any better than we did during our time as a couple? Predicting the future has become an obsession, leaving me overwrought and perhaps a little paranoid. *I'm going to discuss my insomnia with a psychotherapist.* (This is the construction used for prior plans, conceived before the moment of utterance.)

On my birthday walk, I think about the simple present, as my dog Zora stops to sniff mysteriously captivating tufts of grass and lumpy brown piles along the roadside. "Come!" I command, snapping her leash taut. (The imperative is used for orders.) The sky is blue. The geese honk noisily on the pond. I love Zora and her curious nose. This moment I am at peace. I am 33 years old today. *I am a survivor.* Although there is much I don't understand, this is my simple present.

Julia Rhode '90 is currently taking a few months off work to reflect and recuperate. She hopes to open the Jackson English School and Retreat this spring.

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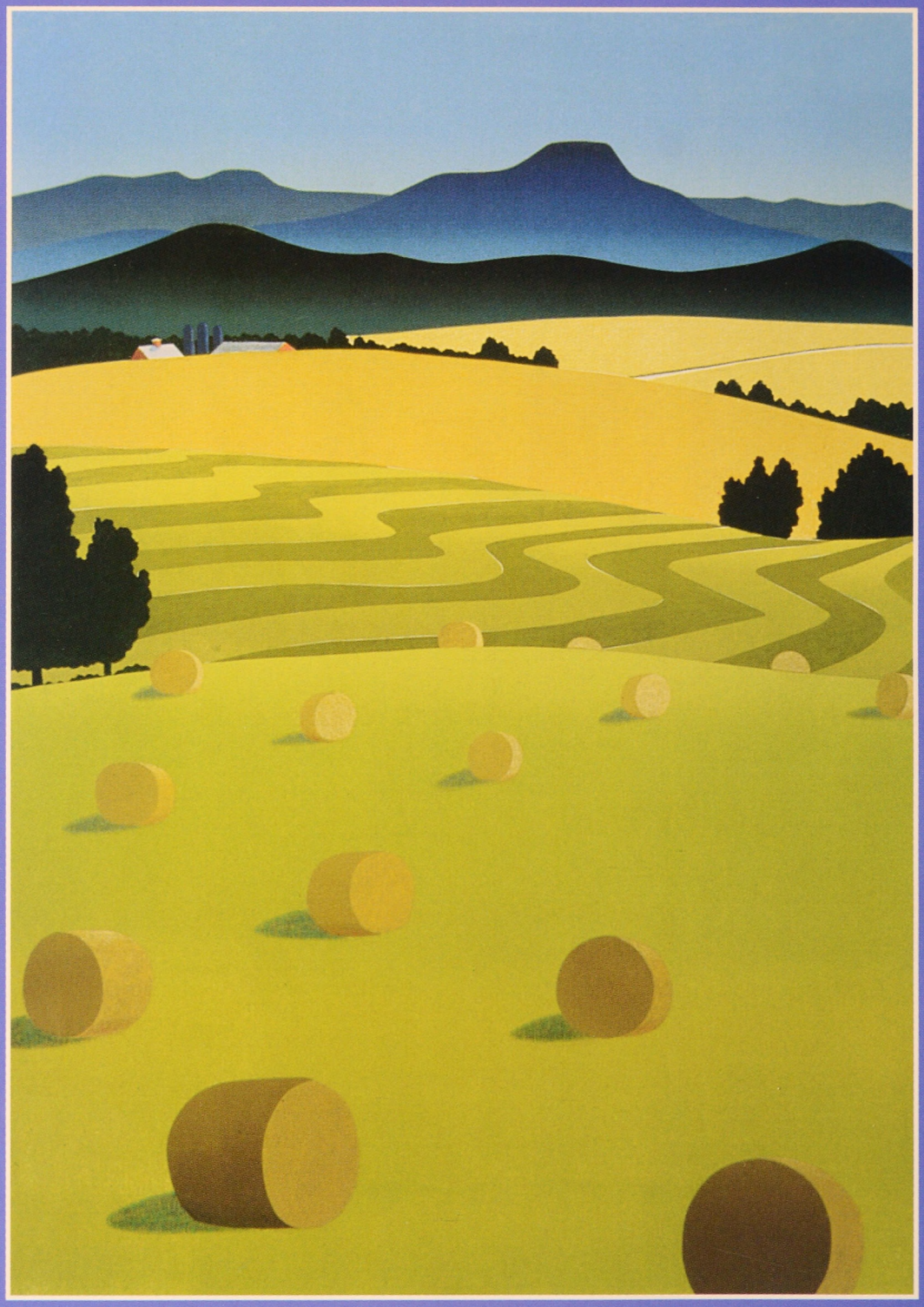

Sabra Field, *Haying Near Camel's Hump*, 1998, woodcut on paper, 20 x 14 inches. Courtesy of the artist.

The Middlebury College Museum of Art will host a retrospective exhibition of the work of Sabra Field from May 16 to August 11. The prints appearing in the exhibition were selected from a complete set of Field's work acquired through the generosity of the artist, her family, and a number of her college friends. The exhibition coincides with Field's 45th Middlebury reunion. The public is invited to hear her discuss her work during Reunion Weekend, on Saturday, June 1, at 10 A.M. in the Center for the Arts Concert Hall.